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Coalition Led By Dehaene Holds Lead In Belgium

Extreme Rightists Fail, Socialist Losses Slight Despite Wide Scandals

By Tom Buerkle

BRUSSELS — The center-left govern-ment of Prime Minister Jean-Luc Dehaene appeared headed for a new mandate on Sunday as the scandal-tainted Socialists suffered fewer losses than expected in na-tional elections and extreme-right parties failed to make a decisive breakthrough.

The coalition's unexpectedly strong showing increased the prospect that Mr. Dehaene would be able to re-establish his government quickly and push through budget reforms aimed at attacking the massive debt and 10-percent unemploy-

Initial projections by a pollster, Kris Deschouwer, estimated that the four-party coalition of Flemish and French Christian Democrats and Socialists would win about 80 seats in the new 150-seat chamber, compared with a previous 120 out of 212 in the old chamber.

The other big surprise was the failure of the far right to profit significantly from the corruption scandals, and public weariness with unemployment and prolonged budget

The Viaams Blok, whose call for repairiating immigrants to combat imemploy-ment is modeled on Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front in France, looked likely to exceed the 10.3 percent of the Flemish vote that it took in the 1991 national election but not the 12.3 percent won in last year's

elections for the European Parliament.
In Antwerp, it remained the largest party but its 26.7 percent of the vote was below the nearly 30 percent it obtained in municipal elections last year, a score that shocked the Belgian political establish-

"The Vlaams Blok cannot double its election score at every election," acknowledged Filip De Winter, the party leader in

"My party is doing well, even very well,"
Wilfried Managos, a sensor Christian Democrat who proceeded Mr. Democra as prime minister, said on BRIN television. So I think that the present majority can be maintained at this moment."

Although results were delayed by com-puter breakdowns and the introduction of complex balloting procedures under recent constitutional changes, early tallies indi-cated that Mr. Dehaene's Flemish Christian Democratic Party would remain the largest party in Flanders, and hence the country, beating back a challenge from the Liberal Party of Guy Verhofstadt.

That was expected, given the growing respect and popularity Mr. Dehaene has won over the past four years. But the strong showing of the Flemish Socialists was a huge surprise following bribery allegations that forced Foreign Minister Franck Vandenbroucke to resign last month and Willy Class, secretary-general of NATO, to appear before judicial invesugators last week.

The Flemish Socialists appeared set to gain seats in the 150-seat Chamber of Representatives. "Nobody expected this result for the Socialist Party," said a party spokesman, Fons von Dyck. "The current coalition will remain in power. There is no Liberal alternative."

The strong showing by Christian Democrats and Socialists in Flanders, the Dutchspeaking northern half of Beigium, appeared likely to offset modest losses by their sister parties in Wallonia, the Frenchspeaking southern half. Three senior Walloon Socialists re-

signed last year over allegations of so-falled "gifts" to the party from the Italian helicopter maker Agusta, similar to the allegations that have plagued the Flemish The result appeared to be a vindication

for Mr. Dehaene, who called the poll in February in a bid to benefit from an economic upswing.



Mr. Dehacne being offered coffee Sunday by a member of homeless action group at Belgian voting station in Vilvoorde.

Three other dissidents were detained Saturday: Wang Xizhe, a longtime dissi-

dent who spent 12 years in prison for his role in the 1978-81 Democracy Wall

movement, which advocated human

rights, democracy and the rule of law;

Liu Xiaobo, a Beijing professor involved

in Tiananmen Square protests in 1989,

and Huang Xiang, poet and dissident.

after Mr. Huang and 44 other leading

intellectuals petitioned the government

AGENDA

The detentions came less than a week

Japan Rejects Talks On Trade Until U.S. **Drops Sanction Threat**

By Alan Friedman

PARIS - Japan on Sunday all but ruled out the chance of any fresh talks with the United States this week on the growing trade dispute over cars and car parts, with senior officials from Tokyo saying no negotiations could be held unless Washington dropped its threat of imposing \$5.9 billion worth of punitive tariffs.

At the same time Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade representative who will be in Europe on Monday, said Washington would not back down until Tokyo took an

The U.S. threat last week of hefty sanctions against Japanese luxury car imports has already caused worldwide concern about a possible trade war.

It is also likely to cast a shadow over the meeting here this week of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, where Japanese diplomats are trying to lobby other delegations to criticize the United States' unilateral trade threat.

Some progress had been expected on the U.S.- Japanese clash because Mr. Kantor and Ronald H. Brown, the U.S. commerce secretary, will be present Tuesday at the meeting of the 25-country economic think tank, as will Ryutaro Hashimoto, Japan's trade minister.

But with both Washington and Tokyo standing firm, Japan has started a major diplomatic offensive in Europe, aimed at persuading members of the European

Liu Xiaobo, one of the last people to

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leave Tiananmen Square as troops closed in on the demonstrators, was taken from

his girlfriend's home Wednesday, ac-

Union and the OECD to side with Tokyo against the U.S. threat.

A top aide to Mr. Hashimoto said in an interview here Sunday that Mr. Kantor and his Japanese counterpart "might say hello to each other in the corridor during the OECD meetings, but no specific meeting is scheduled."

The Japanese aide. Hisashi Hosokawa, added that "we are not refusing to meet with the Americans, but Mr. Hashimoto will not meet Mr. Kantor to discuss the car issue as long as the U.S. sanctions threat exists.'

He added that the two men could still discuss other matters, such as outstanding questions regarding intellectual property rights and technology cooperation.

The Japanese trade official said Tokyo expected the United States to respond to its request for mediation at the new World Trade Organization, which it filed last week. "The ball is in Washington's court," Mr. Hosokawa said.

Mr. Kantor, who will arrive in Paris on Monday after a stopover in Brussels for talks with Sir Leon Brittan, the European Union trade commissioner, also took a tough line. He said by telephone from Washington on Sunday that the United States would not easily drop its threat of

"I would hope my colleagues in the Japanese government would look at the situation, recognize how closed their markets have been and sit down and review the situation," Mr. Kantor said.

He added that for the United States to lift its sanctions threat under section 301 of U.S. trade legislation, Japan would have to open their markets, end the discrimination, deregulate and provide fair opportu-

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China Holds 5 as Tiananmen Anniversary Nears dent imprisoned for three years for par-ticipating in the 1978 Democracy Wall Facing Trial, movement, to leave Beijing during the anniversary period, human rights sources said. Mr. Liu had signed a petition to Chinese leaders.

Microsoft Scuttles Plan To Buy Intuit

By Lawrence M. Fisher New York Times Service

SAN FRANCISCO - Microsoft Corp. has abandoned its planned \$2 billion acquisition of Intuit Inc. because of the federal government's legal challenge to the deal, slowing the software giant's entry into the world of electronic commerce.

Microsoft said over the weekend that it scuttled the deal to buy the maker of Quicken, the leading American personal finance program, because it did not want to deal with the protracted litigation that might be required. The purchase would have been the largest in the software industry's history and would have given Microsoft an attractive finance program to use in conjunction with its planned on-line net-

On April 28, the Justice Department filed suit to block the deal, saying it would lead to higher prices for consumers and less innovation in the market for personalfinance software. At the time, Bill Gates, Microsoft's chairman and chief executive, said: "Our enthusiasm for bringing Intuit and Microsoft together is very, very strong, exactly as it was when we first announced the plan to come together."

But Microsoft said over the weekend that it was backing off rather than facing months of wrangling with the government in court. On Friday, the Justice Depart-ment accused lawyers for Microsoft and Intuit of acting in bad faith and asked a federal judge to push back the opening of a trial scheduled to begin on June 26 in federal district court in San Francisco.

"We're disappointed not to be able to

combine Intuit and Microsoft on a timely

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postwar reconstruction. PAGE TWO

BELJING - China has detained five

prominent dissidents and stepped up the

surveillance of others as the sixth anni-

versary of the Tiananmen Square crack-

On Sunday, the police detained Wang Dan, who was jailed for four years as a leader of the 1989 demonstrations, and

Liu Nianchan, who was taken from his

home in Beijing, according to his wife,

Hariri Renamed

To Lead Lebanon

BEIRUT (Reuters) — President Elias Hrawi of Lebanon named Rafik Hariri

for a second term as prime minister on Sunday, two days after the billionaire tycoon who spearheaded Lebanon's

postwar revival had resigned as head of

128 legislators on Monday and Tuesday on the shape of the new cabinet, said

shortly after his nomination that he

wanted to form a more cohesive gover-

ment that would continue the march of

Mr. Hariri, who will consult with the

Chu Hailan

down on June 4, 1989, approaches.

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to show greater tolerance and reverse the

label of "counterrevolutionary" imposed

on the Tiananmen Square demonstra-

tors. Instead of tolerance, the govern-

ment appears to have shown that it re-

mains on guard against its leading critics.

As the anniversary of the crackdown

ears, the government has also reported-

ly ordered schools and work units to bar

people from traveling to the capital.

Before his detention Sunday, the government ordered Liu Nianchun, a dissi-

BURDENED — P. V. Narasimha Rao, the embattled prime minister of India, praying Sunday under the gaze of Sonia Gandhi, the widow of Rajiv Gandhi, on the fourth anniversary of the assassination of her husband. Page 4.

End of the Drive-By White House View

By Ann Devroy and Steve Vogel Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON - Lamenting the "changing nature and scope" of terrorist threats, President Bill Clinton abruptly has closed Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House to motor vehicle traffic, shutting a symbol of national openness that had endured from the founding of the endured from the founding of the

Police cruisers sealed off the avenue be-

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Service workers began setting up wooden sawhorses. The sawhorses were later replaced by concrete barriers, which were also used to seal off parts of Lafayette Square, State Place and South Executive Avenue, behind the Old Executive Office

"It's history," said Robert Williams, a Park Service employee who helped put up the barriers Saturday. "It shows the changing times and the way things are today." Kenneth Dale Bristow, a security guard walking home after his overnight shift, greeted the new avenue with a look of

stunned dismay. "Having Pennsylvania Avenue open gave me a really good feeling," he said, "I understand that 40 years ago, there wasn't even a fence around the White House. To

see this happening is very discouraging. Mr. Clinton directed Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin to close off the avenue on Friday night after he was briefed on the results an eight-month review of security at the White House done by a teem of experts and vetted by a panel of six outsiders.

tween 15th and 17th streets and U.S. Park Service workers began setting up wooden

Closing the street was one of 11 recommendations from the panel he accepted.

Mr. Clinton announced the decision in his weekly radio address. He said that he was reluctant to accept the recommenda-tions, but that "it would be irresponsible to ignore considered opinion or to obstruct their decisions about the safety of our public officials."

Closing the street, he said, is a "practical step" to protect against a terrorist attack and should be seen "as a responsible security step necessary to preserve our freedom, not part of a long-term restriction on our freedom."

The decision was made with no public debate or prior notice and with much of the justification contained in classified documents that administration officials would not describe.

The White House broadly interpreted the Treasury Department's legal authority to protect the president as sufficient authority to close streets. Officials posted notices on lampposts as the barricades

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Scheme's Losers: So Rich, So Credulous

By Sharon Walsh Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - How could they be so gullible?

The individuals who believed that the Foundation for New Era Philanthrop outside Philadelphia was going to double their money in six months included for-mer Treasury Secretary William E Si-mon, who gave the foundation \$6.5 mil-lion, and Laurance S. Rockefeller, who

gave \$11.3 million. The nonprofit groups that entrusted their money to New Era included the Nature Conservancy, the University of Pennsylvania and numerous small Christian College. tian colleges.

New Era's president, John G. Bennett Jr., told his clients that their money would be doubled, or matched, by seven wealthy donors who wished to do good works but remain anonymous. The list of donors' names was so secret that Mr.

Bennett said he kept it in a safe-deposit

But, investigators say, the safe-deposit box was empty and Mr. Bennett's organization was a giant Ponzi scheme, in which early investors were paid from the proceeds of later ones. Last week, a federal bankruptcy judge ordered the liqui-dation of New Era, which has assets of \$80 million and liabilities of \$550 mil-

That may mean hard times for some charities and universities that had placed money with New Era. Some were so tempted by the promises of matching funds that they borrowed the money to give New Era and have nothing to show for it but their debt.

Mr. Bennett insisted that his clients had to turn the money they wanted matched over to New Era because "that's the way the anonymous donors want it." Mr. Bennett told other clients that he needed to invest their money so that his

organization could use the interest for operating expenses.

Mr. Bennett, New Era's founder and a former drug counselor, is now accused of fraud by the Securities and Exchange Commission, which says he diverted \$4.2 million from New Era to his own businesses. He has denied wrongdoing

The New Era case is just one in a long line of deals in which people or institutions who wanted to make big money fast were clobbered by their own lack of skepticism. Americans lost about \$100 billion to white-collar fraud last year, according to government estimates.

One longtime investigator of securities fraud was mystified, "Why can this happen and happen on such a scale to people who should know better?" the investigator asked. "You can only sit dumbfound-

But others said the answer was simple See SCHEME, Page 6

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Sold Into Servitude/Youngsters in the Workplace

Life Without Play for India's Child Laborers

By Molly Moore

EWARI, India - Dinesh Devran, 11, crouched before a loom in a dim, hot mud hut, where he knots carpets 10 hours a day - his sweat the interest payment on loans taken by his family. Dinesh, whose employer's rugs sometimes end up in high-priced carpet shops abroad, said his days began at 7 A.M. and did not end until sunset, when he would be allowed to eat. Son of a poor farmer in the heart of northern India's carpet-making belt, he started working

the looms when he was 9 and has never been to school "I was sent here to work off the loans my parents took from him," the boy whispered, nodding toward the loom owner, who stood just out of earshot. Every time a carpet is finished — after about two and a half months -- I get

paid 300 rupees." That comes out to about 12 cents a

Dinesh, clad in a tattered T-shirt and grimy underpants, is one of about 55 million child laborers working for employers other than their parents in India, according to Operations Research Group, an Indian organization that has conducted a study for the Labor Minis-

That number will leap to more than 70 million by the turn of the century, Indian demographers estimate, as the country's rapidly growing population pushes more rural families into poverty while economic liberalization fuels demand for

many products made with child labor. Worldwide, as many as 200 million children from the ages of 10 to 14 are working in jobs that are dangerous, unhealthy and often inhumane, according to the International Labor Organization. In the poorest developing countries, nearly one of every five children holds a iob, among them children as young as 5, the organization's surveys show.

Although children's rights advocates and protests from Western countries have increased awareness of the problem and resulted in new laws restricting child labor, the governments of most South Asian nations have done little to enforce the laws or curb the growing practice. We have laws, but the government

has found it's not always possible to enforce them in a country as large as India," Finance Minister Manmohan Singh, chief architect of India's economic liberalization program, said at an annual budget briefing.

The world's largest concentration of child laborers is on the populous Indian subcontinent

In India, Pakistan and Nepal, youngsters weave the carpets sold in some of the most expensive home-decorating stores in the United States, according to interviews with loom owners and exporters. In Pakistan, where about 50 percent of all soccer balls sold in the United States are made, child laborers make up about 25 percent of the workforce that makes those balls, according to an investigation by the Washington-based Children's Literacy Program. Many of the factories are in the Sailkot district near Lahore.

In a new setback to children's rights efforts in Bangladesh, garment manufac-turers last week refused to sign an accord with international agencies to end child labor in their factories, calling the plan unnecessary and intrusive.

HILD labor is hardly a new phenomenon. It was common practice in the West during the Industrial Revolution and continued to be used on a wide scale in the United States as late as the 1930s. Children in the developing world have long labored beside their families on farms, in local cottage craft industries and as servants for the wealthy landowners for whom their parents worked. In poor nations such as India and Pakistan, where so many people live on the edge of de-spair, child labor arguably is a major factor in the survival of millions of fam-

In India, 75 percent of the population lives in rural areas. The land holdings of each successive generation are shrinking, forcing massive numbers of people to work as day laborers for pay that is sometimes nothing more than a handful

of rice and beans at the end of the day. At the same time, thousands of new industries are opening to supply both export demands and India's growing middle class. Large numbers of Western countries are farming out labor to factories in Third World countries where production costs are far cheaper. Meanwhile, local factory owners attempting to dodge India's powerful labor unions and cut costs are turning to the ever-growing pool of destitute families cager to put

their children to work. One of the most controversial industries that thrives on child labor is carpet manufacturing. Loom owners prefer to employ children because their thin, nimble fingers can work taut looms much more efficiently than those of an adult. By the time the youngsters reach their

mid-teens, their fingers and hands often are badly damaged from the cuts and nicks of the knives and strings used in knotting; their eyesight has grown weak from long hours of tedious work in dark rooms, and their growth often is stunted by years of sitting in uncomfortable, hunched positions.

Bhagirathi, a thin 10-year-old, said his father sold him to a loom owner for \$20 when he was 8. In a year and a half working on the looms, Bhagirathi said. he was never paid any wages.
"I start work at 7 A.M. every day,"

said the youngster, who was interviewed shortly after the South Asian Coalition on Child Servitude took him from the loom owner in the Mirzapur district in the north Indian state of Uttar Pradesh. where the majority of India's carpets are produced. "I have skin infections and feel itchy all the time, but they give me no medicines."

Child Workers of Nepal, an activist group based in Katmandu, said half of the country's estimated 300,000 carpet workers were children. It surveyed 365 factories and found that 50 percent of the child workers were frequently ill, almost half of the girls were sexually abused, 90 percent of the youngsters worked in buildings with poor ventilation, lighting and work spaces and 75 percent of all the workers were 14 or

Although they are now more sensitive to criticism for employing child labor, loom owners do not apologize for using the youngsters to make their carpets. "No one will say child labor is good,"

said Ram Chandra Maunya of the Mir-

zapur-based Prasad Carpet Emporium, which ships carpets to the United States. "But what is the alternative for these poor children?" he added. "There's a lot of pressure to remove them from the looms. But if we remove them totally, they'll starve and die, and it will be on our conscience. You have to look at it from the humanitarian point of view."

NDIA'S largest pool of child labor for carpets is in the Palamu and Garhwa districts of the country's poorest state, Bihar, in the drought-prone northern plains. The land there is so dry and infertile that families cannot live off their own crops, and more than one in every 10 people migrate out of the region several months each year to work as day laborers in stone quarries or brick kilns. Many families live on incomes of less than \$60 a year.

In normal times, 30 percent of the residents do not have enough to eat; in times of drought, the figure increases to 53 percent, according to a recent study by The Action Research Unit, an independent group in New Delhi.

In such environments, carpet-makers find a willing labor force. Children are usually recruited by middlemen who comb villages for the most destitute fam-

In the sun-scorched village of Jamua in the Garhwa district, the tactics of a villager known as Kishno are typical of the carpet agents. Two years ago, he approached Gibasia, a farm woman whose husband is too feeble to work the

"Kishno said, 'You are poor,' " recounted Gibasia, the mother of five children. " 'At least in Mizapur your boy will earn enough to make a living for him-

Gibasia said Kishno paid \$16 for her eldest son, Santosh, 9. She decided to disregard the vague stories she had heard about the poor treatment of the children

working the looms.
"If I had enough grains from the land, enough water and food - would I not gather all my children and keep them close to me?" she said. "Why would I send them away? It is my helplessness, my poverty.

In the last several years, the increasing use of child labor has prompted a growing outcry from the United States, Germany and other Western nations, as well as greater social consciousness in India.

In India, 4,000 people have been convicted of violating child labor laws, but 3,500 of the accused were fined the equivalent of only \$5, according to a



A young Indian girl liming up sticks for dipping in a match factory.

report by an Indian chamber of commerce and the International Labor Organization.

Rather than reducing child labor, the laws and the negative publicity have prompted factory owners to find new ways of circumventing legal restrictions and of dodging activists who conduct surprise raids to rescue child workers. Instead of producing carpets in large factories with dozens of looms, factory owners parcel the work out to smaller loom owners, subcontractors in distant villages where it is more difficult for government workers, journalists and anti-child-labor groups to inspect the premises. The practice also allows owners to exploit the fact that fidian law does not probibit the use of child labor in small shops and workplaces.

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Pope Appeals for Christian Unity on Czech Tri

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches Republic — Pope John Paul II, trying to forge Christian unity for the third millenium, solemnly asked for forgiveness in the name of Roman Catholics on and errors of his church.

Dranca to other Unistian dethe second day of a visit to the tants. Czech Republic, one of the arconflict during the Reformation.

all Catholics, ask forgiveness for the wrongs inflicted on non- the Roman Catholic Church's Catholics during the turbulent historical failings at a rally for history of these peoples," he more than 10,000 young people said at a Mass outside the east- at the hilltop shrine of Svaty ern city of Olomouc.
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the Catholic Church's forgive- that the Roman Catholic dozen other religious leaders assured mean tester to the Pope SVATY KOPECEK, Czech ness for whatever harm her sons and daughters have suffered." he told a rain-soaked congregation on the former Soviet air base where the Mass was held.

The Pope made the first of Sunday for the historical sins two pleas for forgiveness among divided Christians as he The Pope held out an olive conferred sainthood on a 17thnominations in two speeches on that has angered Czech Protes-

They were among the 75eas of Europe torn by religious year-old Pope's most explicit statements on the need for Catholics and other Christians "Today, I the Pope of the to work for mutual forgiveness Church of Rome, in the name of aimed at eventual unity.

He returned to the theme of Kopecek, outside Olomouc. He told the young people of the blame for the division that split Christianity. "The consideration of the at-

tenuating circumstances does not exonerate the church from her obligation to express profound regret for the weakness of so many of her sons and daughters who sullied her face," wrote on how Catholics should prepare for the year 2000.

The Pope has raised forgiveness often in recent years but his statement on Sunday was one of his most solemn.

The canonization of Jan Sarkander on Sunday cast a shadow over the Pope's three-day visit, which is to include a brief trip across the border into his

native Poland on Monday. The leader of a major Protestant denomination boycotted a meeting with the Pope and a

As Zaire Eases Controls, **Ebola Death Toll Mounts**

in southwestern Zaire has risen to 101 out of a total of 137 known infections, the World Health Organization said Sun-

day.
The United Nations agency also said that the first fatal cases of Ebola fever in the Kikwit area dated back to last December, not to March 1995 as earlier believed.

The latest figures represent an increase of four deaths since Saturday, when the WHO reported a total of 128 cases from late March, including 97 people confirmed killed by the virus.

Zairian authorities, mean-

while, lifted a blockade aimed at preventing people from entering the capital of Kinshasa from the virus-infected region,

Rewers admitting that the weeklong GENEVA — The death toll from the Ebola virus outbreak in southwastern Zain harden.

As hundreds of stranded trucks thundered through the main roadblock at Mongata, 150 kilometers (90 miles) north of Kinshasa, the city's governor said that the closure had been counterproductive.

"The measures that were taken were so useless that they risked harming Zaire's relations with the outside world," Governor Bernedin Mungul Diaka said. Maintaining them, he added, "would have exposed the population to diseases related to poor conditions."

Ebola was first recorded in Zaire in 1976 and again three years later in Sudan. There is no known vaccine against the virus, which spreads through contact with bodily fluids.

Jan Sarkander was a priest accused by the Protestant rulers' of committing high freason by aiding invading Polish Catholic forces in 1620. The Reverend Pavel Smeta-

Church had to admit its share Saturday to protest the canon- that the priest was an agent of a foreign imperial power.

Linhke Slovakia, which has a Roman, Catholic majority, the Crech Republic has some deep Protestant roots stretching back to the Hussite movement founded by the reformer lan

na, who leads the Evangelical. His who was burned at the he said, quoting a letter he Church of the Czech Brethren, state in 1415.; (Reuters, NYT)

TRAVEL UPDATE

A Promising Summer for U.S. Travel

NEW YORK (NYT) — Spurred by an improving economy, widespread discounts and growing consumer confidence, the travel industry is anticipating America's biggest-ever summer Vacation season.

Summer 1995, which the industry defines as the more than three months from Memorial Day to Labor Day, is expected to get off to a routing start next week when about 29.8 million travelers take advantage of the long Memorial Day weekend to visit relatives or friends, amusement parks or art museums, beaches or baccarat

The American Automobile Association and the Air Transport Association have predicted that Memorial Day will mark the beginning of a summer of record crowds on the highways and in the air. By Labor Day, if the projections prove correct, Americans will have taken 230 million trips of 100 miles (160 kilometers) or more away from home, a 2 percent increase compared with last

Most restaurants in New York City are abiding by a 6-week-old ban on smoking, despite angry protests by some owners that it is costing them business, leaving the dining rooms of large restaurants and taverns almost smoke-free, the city and a restaurant survey publisher have reported.

This Week's Holidays

Banking and government offices will be closed or services curtailed in the following countries and their dependencies this week because of national and religious holidays:

MONDAY: Bulgaria, Canada, Sri Lanka, Yemen. TUESDAY: Bulgaria, Jamaica, Morocco.

WEDNESDAY: Belize, Bernards, Bulgaris, Burms, Ecuadoc.

THURSDAY: Andora, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Benin, Bonwana, Burkina Faso, Butundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Deimark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Iordan, Lesotho, Licchtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mali, Mamritania, Monaco, Namitia, Nesherlanda, Norway, Rwanda, Senegal, Swariland, Sweden, Switzerland, Togo, Vatican City, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

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By B. Drummond Ayres New York Times Service

PHOENIX, Arizona -Probably no institution in American political and cultural life has had its obitinary written more often than the National Rifle Association.

Yet again and again it has risen from the dead. Witness the congressional elections last fall in which, despite earlier under siege, and if the siege is passage of the Brady law and control the worst it has ever other regulations governing the sale of handguns and assault rifles, the organization played a preparing to surrender. significant role in electing the

the weekend for the group's 124th annual convention, the organization once more found itself under fire, this time facing the most withering assault in recent memory, with not only old enemies but also some old

friends joining in the attack. The Predictably, the NRA is returning the fire, round for round, and if history is any guide, it is far-too soon to write another obituary for this potent voice of the nation's gun lobby.

Fairly or unfairly, the Oklahoma City bombing, with its temous ties to members of the heavily armed rightist militias now spreading around the country, has turned out to be a public relations disaster for the NRA and the 3.5 million members it claims.

And a fund-raising letter in which the association called federal gun control agents "jackbooted government among the NRA members be-thugs," has turned out to be an cause of its strong thetoric, and even bigger disaster.

semblage of congressional, antigun and anti-violence critics. who rushed in to scold, President Bill Clinton, himself a eers here, he said the associahunter, has accused the NRA of thou should continue to press its House, Mark Killian, took an giving "aid and comfort" to cases firmly. "You have to keep criminals, and former President the government accountable,"

George Bush, a hunter and longtime member, has sent in a tter of resignation.

"We have an exciting few days planned for you," Wayne LaPierre Jr., the associa-tion's executive vice president, said in masterly understatement in his welcoming message to the conventioneers.

But if the NRA is once again faced, there nevertheless was no real evidence here that it was

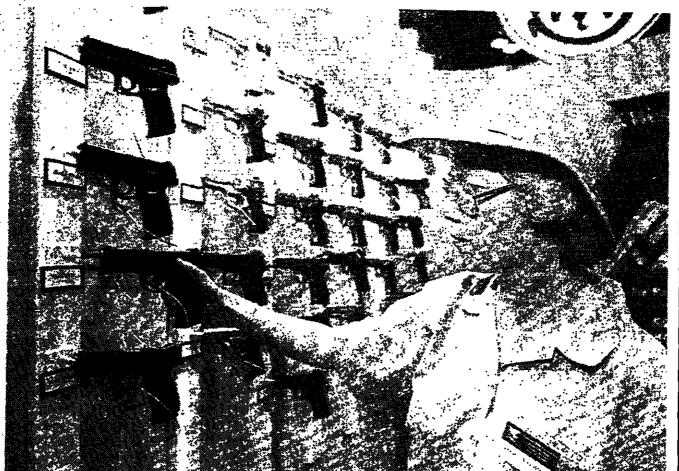
Mr. LaPierre, the author of friendlier Republican majority, the acerbic fund-raising letter, With 22,000 members of the has offered an apology of sorts, saying he is sorry his letter was interpreted as an attack on all law officers. He said his words had been aimed only at agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the agency responsible for enforcing gun COntrol laws

That said, he and the huge NRA members who showed up here were standing fast

"The letter hit the nail on the head," said Rowan Kloppe, a lifetime member of the association from High Ridge, Missouii. "I know a lot of law enforcement officers, and I haven't met one yet who doesn't consider federal firearms agents to be a binch of trigger-happy cow-

Another lifetime member, Neal Nuber of Beloit, Wisconsin, said the fund-raising letter had caused a "small split" among the NRA members behe suggested that future NRA In addition to the usual as- rhetoric "be more carefully worded."

Still, appearing to express the viewpoint of most convention- ple."



A member of the National Rifle Association checking out the Smith & Wesson display at the group's convention.

he said. "We should press our

Did the group support the formation of citizen militias? "In a group of 3.5 million people," he replied, "you're going to have a few communists and a few paramilitary types.

That doesn't make us bad peo-

even harder line.

conventioneers in a much-applauded speech in which he boasted of his own NRA membership. "If you downgrade the Second Constitutional Amend-passage of major federal gun ment and its gun protection provisions, then next it's the Fifth Amendment and then the became more and more in-First and on and on. Protecting them is what the NRA is all

tion, promoting gun safety and Association positions has control in the late 1960s in reaction to rising violence, the NRA volved in the debate over constitutional gun rights.

The association did not start Gun-Owner Backing Slips out with that as its main role. It began as a sporting organiza-

dropped significantly, with 47 percent expressing overall agreement, according to a nationwide poll, Reuters reported from New York.

The results of the Time Magazine/CNN Poll of 600 gun owners represents a drop of almost 30 percent from a December 1989 poll, which showed 67 percent overall support for po-

President Takes to the Bully Pulpit

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton may have lost the Congress, but he still has the pulpit — and Mr. Clinton has vowed that he is more determined than ever to use his White House platform to hold forth broadly on moral and social problems ailing the nation.

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And hold forth he did, for nearly an hour, in a weekend address to the second annual "White House Conference on Character Building for a Civil and Democratic Society," Mr. Clinton turned in a kaleidoscopic performance, offering himself as politician, professor and preacher.

The president speculated on the psychology of "angry white males." He lectured about how schools can do more to teach children right and wrong. He talked broodingly about the link between violence and entertainment. He confessed to having used unfair rhetoric about bureaucrats and vowed to repent. And he ruminated about how rapid economic and technological change is challenging the nation's sense of community.

The talk showed a side of Mr. Clinton that aides say the public will soon be seeing more of. Encouraged by the generally positive response to his words of healing after the Oklahoma City bombing, White House aides said he wants to talk more often about expansive themes dealing with the nation's moral health.

Clinton Aide Can Breathe Easier

WASHINGTON - The Whitewater independent counsel has decided not to indict President Clinton's most trusted aide, Bruce Lindsey, before a deadline this week on federal banking charges. Mr. Lindsey, who is the deputy White House counsel, had been notified in February that he was the target of an investigation of the concealment of cash transactions during Mr. Clinton's 1990 campaign for re-election as governor of Arkansas.

The counsel's office in Little Rock, Arkansas, said that the prosecutors would begin no prosecution on or before Thursday, the statute of limitations deadline for bringing bank charges against Mr. Lindsey for a series of transactions that

The statement also said that the investigation was continuing; theoretically, Mr. Lindsey could be charged under other laws that do not have so close a deadline.

Dole Adviser Apologizes for Slur WASHINGTON - Edward Rollins Jr., a senior adviser to

Senator Bob Dole's campaign for the Republican nomination for president, has touched off a political furor by referring to two Jewish congressmen as "Hymie boys." Mr. Rollins issued an abject apology, and the Dole camp said it would stand by

Mr. Rollins made the offending comment at a San Francisco dinner for Speaker Willie Brown Jr. of the California State Assembly. His speech was part of the dinner's "roast" of Mr. Brown, who is considering a run for mayor of San Francisco.

Mr. Rollins said that Mr. Brown actually wanted to be mayor of Los Angeles, and he added, "If elected mayor of L.A., he could show those Hymie boys, Berman and Waxman, who were always trying to make Willie feel inferior for not

Henry A. Waxman, both California Democrats. In letters to Mr. Waxman and Mr. Berman, Mr. Rollins said, "I apologize profusely" for the "totally inappropriate

being Jewish." He was referring to Howard L. Berman and

Quote / Unquote:

Wayne LaPierre, executive vice president of the National Rifle Association, taunting President Clinton at the group's annual convention in Phoenix: "We're the people who helped clean out Congress in 1994, and we are going to help clean your clock in 1996."

AMERICAN TOPICS

Cute Babies Are Cuddled More

A new study says mothers of cate newborns showed more affection toward their infants than mothers of homely babies did, as measured by such things as holding the child close, patting him or her and cooing endear-

"We're not suggesting that paceurs are not completely in love with their babies even if their babies are maturative," said Jean Rit-ter, a researcher. "All these mothers treated their babies positively and generally saw their Dr. Ritter, an assistant professor of psy-

chology at California State University in Fresno, reported the work with Judith Langlois of the University of Texas at Austin and others in the May issue of the journal Developmental Psychology.
The study compared the behavior of 67 mothers with attractive first born babies and

69 mothers with unattractive first borns at a hospital in Austin.

Attractiveness was rated by a group of college students who looked at color photos of the babies; the mothers were not asked for their own ratings.

Short Takes

In 1990, Dorothy Diane Rose strangled her two children, Michael, 2, and Jessica, 13 months, with a bathrobe sash. Psychiatrists said she was insane, driven over the edge by fear of losing her children in a custody fight with her estranged husband. Instead of prison, she was committed to five years of psychiatric care in a hospital in Tampa, Florida. Now, she says she is cured and wants to work as a baby-sitter. A judge has set a hearing for June 6. "Given her history, we don't think it's an appropriate area of employment for her, said Jay Pruner, an assistant state attorney.

Public and collegiate Ebraries are starting to throw the book at scofflaw borrowers. They are turning to courts, computer tracking, automated phone calls, collection agencies and other aggressive means to recover mil-lions of unreturned items. Some are finding that the genteel methods of the past - fines and periodic amnesties —don't do the job. In Virginia, libraries are electronically linked to the offices of state tax auditors, who deduct library debts from tax refunds and lottery 4.30

Speaking of libraries, San Antonio has what may be the loudest library in the United States. The new \$33 million, six-story concrete building by the architect Ricardo Legorreta is a collection of bold geometric shapes, mostly in a bright "enchilada red." The name of the color was chosen in a newspaper survey. Among other nominations were Liberry Red, Don't-Look-at-It-With-a-Hangover Red and Bleeding Heart Liberal Red. The interior is also bright, mostly in yellow and purple. Said one Texan, Maryhelen Isaac: "It stands out. If you say, 'Meet me at the li-brary,' well, there it is."

The Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus blamed an impatient driver who was stuck behind a line of six circus elephants at a shopping mall in Hanover, Pennsylvania, for spooking the beasts by honking his horn. The confused, trumpeting elephants lumbered through a parking lot, sitting on cars and breaking windows in a van and an auto supply store while trainers chased them. One of the elephants, named Freda, was cut and was treated by a veterinarian as she swatted her trunk back and forth. "I work with large animals," said Dr. Donald L. Yorlets, who was delivering a calf when he was called. "Usually not this

International Herald Tribune.

A Buddy Implicates Suspect In Bombing, Authorities Say

By Pierre Thomas Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON - An old army buddy of Timothy James McVeigh's has told federal prosecutors that he drove to Oklahoma City in April with Mr. McVeigh and that Mr. McVeigh told him that he

Michael Fortier, 27, told prosecutors that before the April 19 bombing, he and Mr. McVeigh drove to the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, apup the nine-story structure where several hundred federal employees worked.

During the trip, Mr. Fortier told authorities, Mr. McVeigh confided he was going to detonate a bomb.

law enforcement official said Friday night Mr. Fortier's alleged re-

marks could significantly bolster the government's case Kingman, Arizona, where against Mr. McVeigh, who Mr. McVeigh lived in the in the bombing.

Mr. Fortier made the statements after a series of discusand appearances before a federal grand jury.

It was unclear whether Mr. Fortier's remarks were part of a deal with federal authorities. hoped to find co-conspirators One source said that while authorities were elated to obtain further implicate Mr. the remarks, they now had to McVeigh. intensify their investigation of Mr. Fortier

astermind," the official said. Mr. Fortier is one of a number of Mr. McVeigh's friends, relatives and associates who

have come under intense scrutiny by FBI and Bureau of Alparently on a mission to size cohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents in the wake of the deadliest terrorist assault in U.S. history, which killed 167 people, including 19 children. Federal authorities have repeatedly interviewed Jennifer McVeigh, the suspect's sister,

"He said something to the effect that McVeigh said, 'I'm going to blow it up,' "a senior dence from Mr. McVeigh to his and she was recently asked to sister in which he warned her that federal agents might be monitoring his telephone conversations with her.

along with another army bud- months immediately preceding dy, Terry Nichols, is a suspect the bombing, has been a primary site of the federal investigation, as authorities have at-tempted to piece together the ernment sentiment or the recent sions with federal prosecutors suspect's life and learn who his friends and associates were. Oklahoma City bombing.

or new evidence that would

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everyone known to have asso-

ciated with Mr. McVeigh in at least the past year, authorities

planned to blow up the federal building there, according to seoff easy if he turns out to be a mastermind with affilial and a federal building there, according to se-Was Not Political, U.S. Says

WASHINGTON - A mail bomb that partly exploded in the apartment of a U.S. senator's aide, wounding the aide slightly, was not politically mo-tivated, a government official

The aide, Will Smith, who works for Senator Mitch McConnell, Republican of Kentucky, received minor cuts on his hands and face when he opened the package on Friday exploded, Mr. Hynes said. in his Washington apartment. More than 100 residents were evacuated from the building as a precaution.

Patrick Hynes, a spokesman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said over the weekend that the bomb was

with any of that," he said.

A Washington television sta-tion, WUSA-TV, said authorities wanted to talk to a man thought to be a rival for the affections of Mr. Smith's girlfriend. The bureau would not comment on that possible link. The package had a return address of Hazard, Kentucky, the television station said.

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U.S. Seeks Talks With North on Korea Armistice

SEOUL — The United States has called for top-level military talks this week with North Korea after Pyongyang's recent moves to dismantle the Korean War armistice accord, a South Korean Defense Ministry spokesman said Sunday.

The spokesman said the chief U.S. commander in South Korea, General Gary Luck, had suggested talks in Panmunjom on Tuesday involving generals from the United States, North and South Korea and members of the Neutral Nations Supervi-

sory Commission. The Defense Ministry said in

had agreed to the talks on condition that they included South area at Pannunjon, the sole out rival South Korean generals and members crossing between the Koreas.

South Korean officials have of the supervisory commission and were held in the commission's conference room in the

demilitarized zone. The agenda should be limited to the armistice accord, it said. General Luck sent a letter to South Korea's defense minister, Lee Yang Ho, this month, saying that Washington was seeking the contact because of the North's attempts to dismantle the armistice accord and abnorside of the demilitarized zone.

series apparently aimed at undermining the intricate armistice mechanism. The mechanism consists of the Military Armistice Commission, involving representatives from parties who were in the war, and the neutral monitoring commis-sion, which is responsible for policing armistice violations.

North Korea has demanded mal movements on the northern that the armistice, which brought hostilities in the 1950-This month, the North 1953 war to an end, be replaced a statement that South Kores banned neutral monitors from with a full-scale peace treaty

The move is the latest in a said they suspect that North tries apparently aimed at un-Korea might resort to brinkmanship in nuclear talks with the United States to obtain a concession for direct peace

> North Korea announced its withdrawal from the armistice commission last year



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 The national crime rate dropped 3 percent in 1994, posting a decline for the third year in a row, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said. Violent crimes reported to the police fell 4 percent, while property crimes declined 3 per-. (Reuters)

Connie Claung has left the anchor desk of "The CBS Evening News," the network said. Dan Rather will be single anchor of the broadcast starting Monday, resuming the solo status he held until June 1993, when Ms. Chung was added as co-anchor. Her primetime program, "Eye to Eye with Connie time program, "Eye to Eye with Connie Chung." 87th in the ratings in the 1994-95 chang. In the capected to be in the network's fall lineup.

 A former high school teacher's aide has been convicted in Jefferson, Wisconsin, of recruiting three teenagers to kill her husband. Diane Borchardt, who was involved in a bitter divorce case when the killing occurred in April 1994, was convicted of recruiting the boys with \$600 and promising them cars, jewelry and \$20,000 from her estranged husband's life insurance.

• The Mississippi and Missouri rivers overran levees in St. Charles County, Missouri, after a break in an embankment, and some residents were urged to evacuate the area.

• An apartment fire killed four people, including two children, in San Jose, California, and authorities described the blaze as suspicious. Fire officials and police homicide detectives

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COLOMBO - Sri Lanka's military is planning major oper-

ations against Tamil separatist

guerrillas, who broke a 14-week truce last month, military offi-cials and newspapers said Sun-

They said the armed forces

had begun to receive new arms

and equipment to fight the Lib-

eration Tigers of Tamil Eelam,

who last month used anti-air-

craft missiles to down two

transport planes for the first

up attacks on the Tigers, raid-

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A Challenge for India's Leader

For Now, Rao Fights Off Rebels Within Party

By John F. Burns New York Times Service

NEW DELHI -- On the night of May 21,

1991, P. V. Narasimha Rao was at his home in

state of Andhra Pradesh when word came that

Rajiv Gandhi, the former prime minister, had

been assassinated on an election trip in southern

The bomb that killed Mr. Gandhi put Mr. Rao's retirement on hold and catapulted him

into the posts of Congress (I) Party leader and

Now, four years after he ceased to be an

unspectacular political lieutenant to the Gandhi

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family, Mr. Rao is confronted by a powerful faction in the Congress Party that would like to

The rebels who met in New Delhi on Friday and voted to replace Mr. Rao, 73, as Congress

Party leader gathered in the shadow of a string of

defeats for the party in state legislative elections

The election losses have eroded the party's

political base to a degree with few parallels in its

110-year history. With all but a handful of major

states having fallen to opposition groups, the

party that led India's independence struggle

faces a crisis so deep that many in India question

At the same time, the revolt against the prime minister has raised doubts about the market-

driven economic reforms that Mr. Rao, aban-

doning a lifetime commitment to Indian-style

Among other charges, the rebels accuse Mr. Rao of abandoning the Congress Party's tradi-

tional constituency among the "poor and down-

trodden" by adopting policies favoring foreign

investment and private enterprise and by cutting

For the time being, Mr. Rao seems likely to ride out the storm. Stang by the rebels' action

into a quick counterattack that belied his reputa-

tion for dithering, he expelled the man named to

supplant him as party president, Narain Dutt

Tiwari, 69, a former foreign and finance minis-

On Saturday, Mr. Rao convened an emergen-

cy session of the party's main governing body,

Military Is Said to Arm for 'Massive' Assault on Tamils

in the past month's fighting.

At least 400 people have died

"We're prepared for attacks

on our camps." said a senior

push him into retirement once and for all.

The current party head count heavily favors Mr. Rao. While the rebels drew 30,000 people to their rally, only a scattering of elected Congress New Delhi packing for retirement in his native

must be held within 12 months.

But turning back the rebel challenge is only a

Where Mr. Rao has been faulted is for not halting - in fact, for compounding - the party's transformation from a movement that drew its support from the ideals of Mohandas K. Gandhi, mainly secularism and concern for the poor, to an organization that seems committed

The rebels made this the core of their case

They also faulted the government for "collud-Muslims at the hands of Hindu mobs.

Many Congress Party loyalists say those policies created an opening for opposition parties

The Congress Party's big losses in recent state legislative elections have been either to leftist parties, mainly the Janata Dal, or, as in the case of Maharashtra State, of which Bombay is the capital, to groups that appeal to nationalist sentiments among the country's Hindu majority, pri-marily the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Sri Lanka Planning a Major Offensive

paring for a massive onslaught

on LTTE positions and have

imported large stocks of arms

and ammunition," the Sunday army officer in northern Sri Times said, quoting military Lanka. "We're also planning sources. our own offensives against the Army Command Shifted

Tigers."

He said the military was President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga shuffled planning to expand its area of her military command over the control around the bases in the weekend in preparation for an expanded conflict with the re-Last week, troops captured bels, military officials said. The 10 square kilometers (4 square Associated Press reported from miles) east of the sprawling Pa-Colombo.

laly air base on the Jaffna Pen-Major General Rohan Daluwatte an officer believed stronghold, in an effort to drive to be close to the president, was rebel anti-aircraft missiles begiven command of all military yond the range of approaching operations in the war zones, recraft. placing Major General The armed forces are pre- A. M. U. Seneviratne.

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Party lawmakers was on hand. That would leave more than 240 legislators who back Mr. Rao or are not prepared to break with him openly. Most are expected to remain loyal to him, out of fear that any change of leaders now - especially to another old-guard figure like Mr. Tiwari — can only deepen the party's problems before the general election that

first step for Mr. Rao. An editorial in The Times of India said the feuding within the party was a symptom of a long decline that would have been evident much earlier had two leaders not been assassinated - Indira Gandhi in 1984 and her son Rajiv in 1991. Both assassinations generated a wave of sympathy that powered the party to

mainly to preserving the power of officeholders.

against Mr. Rao. At their rally on Friday, they cited government corruption, including two multibillion-dollar scandals during Mr. Rao's tenure that were hushed up, and the economic reforms, which boosted the prices of staples on which 350 million poverty-stricken Indians

ing with communal forces," a reference to its failure to halt or redress the sufferings of Indian

that make populist appeals to the poor or that pander to sectarian feelings.

Vietnamese refugees on a roof at a Hong Kong detention center on Sunday as the transfer of refugees to another camp continued after unrest Saturday.

BRIEFLY ASIA

Destruction of Shrine Protested in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India - More than 5,000 people marched in Kashmir's capital Sunday to condemn the destruction of a 15th-century shrine after Indian officials lifted a curfew, the police said.

The curfew was first imposed in the Kashmir valley following the destruction of the shrine to the region's patron saint during clashes between Indian forces and Muslim separatists on May il, triggering widespread unrest.

The All-Party Hurriyat Conference, a coalition of 30 political and cultural groups, declared Sunday a "martyr's day" in memory of all Kashmiris -20,000, according to police and hospital sources - who have died during the five-year insurgency against Indian rule.

Hong Kong Is Calm After Refugee Shift HONG KONG - The police on Sun-

resisting group of refugees slated for Minister Lee Yang Ho before returning intensive land and air offensive that be-

transfer from a violence-stricken Viet- to Moscow. "We are at an initial stage," namese detention center in Hong Kong and calm returned to the camp. Only 40 women and children remain from the ther talks and approval by higher-rankgroup scheduled for transfer to another camp and they will be transported separately, a government spokesman said.

In contrast to the scenes of mayhem transfer effort began, the operation Sun-day was uneventful. Almost 200 people, mostly policemen, were injured on Saturday when 1,300 refugees violently re- North Korea. sisted transfer from Whitehead to another camp.

Russian defense minister to visit South day transferred all but a handful of a Korea, signed the accord with Defense

said a South Korean Defense Ministry spokesman. "The agreement needs furing officials for implementation.

During his three-day visit, General Grachev met with President Kim Young Sam and other Korean leaders on ways and bloodshed on Saturday when the of increasing military ties between the two countries. The Russian said during his stay that Moscow was studying whether to end a friendship treaty with

Afghan Army Takes Key Site Near Kabul

Seoul-Moscow Deal

On Weapons Research

SEOUL — The defense ministers of South Korea and Russia signed an agreement on Sunday on mutual cooperation in the research and development of military supplies and possible joint production, the Defense Ministry said.

General Pavel S. Grachev, the first Russian defense minister to visit South

Key Site Near Kabul

ARGANDEH, Afghanistan — President Rabul from the Taleban movement on Sanday, striking a new blow in their campaign to blunt the threat of the army of Islamic students. The Afghan presidential forces, led by Ahmed Shah Massood, went through Taleban lines and took the Kotal-i-Takht hill, a key outpost 35 kilometers (20 miles) south of Kabul.

Senseless and wastering (AP)

Peter Barnes, a spokesman for Refugee Concern, an devoking group for the 20,000 refugees in Hing Kong, urging the government to change its tactic of forced repatriation. (AFP)

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gan early Sunday against Taleban forces positioned near the town of Maidan hahr. Immebilized Taleban tanks on the hill, were visible from the road linking Kabul and Ghazni, a town 130 kilometers south of the capital

VOICES From Asia

Fidel Ramos, president of the Philippines, urging Muslim and Christian leaders to work together to meyen terrorism and violence: "Let's go for peace. Because extremism is futile, it is also senseless and wasterde 🛊 -

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Maoris' Long Wait for New Zealand Ends Philippine Rebels Halt Talks After Tainui accepted the deal af- under the "King Movement" in

Agence France-Presse

AUCKLAND, New Zealand - A Maori tribe, after a 130year wait, is about to receive compensation from the govern-

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ment for the illegal seizure of its land and --- perhaps even more significantly -an official apol-

ogy.
The deal with Tainui, New Zealand's biggest Maori tribal confederation, to be signed Monday, comes at a time of growing racial tension in the country and bitter disputes with the central government over land and tribal sovereignty.

Although Prime Minister Jim Bolger has issued a flat "no" to calls for Maori sovereignty, his co-signer to the agreement will be the "Maori Queen," Arikinui Dame Te Atairangikaahu, head of Tainui, at her royal residence south of here.

The ceremony coincides with the 27th anniversary of her cor-

onation.

Cainui. In the new deal, Tainui will

government hands.

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About 100,000 people are thought to be affiliated to

receive \$110 million plus the

gins. Now known as the Tainni Maori Trust Board, it takes in return of 15,782 hectares tral area of the North Island, mainly Waikato. (38.981 acres) of land now in

The grouping became unified

method, calling it undemocrat-

ic. A veteran activist. Eva Rick-

week seeking an injunction

against the signing but lost her dant. Mr. Bolger has described the deal as the year's "greatest Christmas present."

"The amount and the land you can argue forever," he said, but finally you have to reach agreement on what is fair, what is honorable, what acknowledges in a substantive way the

extent of the grievance that arose from those confisca-But white pressure saw a se-Tainui was one of the eight mythical Polynesian canoes to which all Maori trace their ori-

ter a postal ballot, but some the mid-19th century when the members have rejected the tribes realized their traditional feuding was aiding the steady encroachment of white coloard, went to the High Court last nists. An elderly Waikato chief, Te Wherowhero, was proclaimed king in 1858. The current queen is a direct descen-

> Tribes outside Tainui do not recognize her as a monarch but as a paramount chief.

Tamur's land problems go back to 1840 when agents of Queen Victoria and Maori chiefs signed the Treaty of Waitangi, guaranteeing Maori possession of their lands.

ries of bitter land wars which resulted in British military authorities in 1864 seizing around 66,000 hectares of Taimui land. That it was an illegal seizure has never been disputed, other than seven tribes in the northern cen- to claim the land as a prize of war, but little has been done, until now, to remedy the injus-

Leader's Arrest

MANILA - Communist rebels said Sunday that peace talks with the Philippine government scheduled for next month had been postponed indefinitely after the arrest of a ranking guerrilla leader. The chief Communist peace

negotiator, Luis Jalandoni, also accused Manila of insincerity, saying that the detained man. Sotero Llamas, was part of the rebel negotiating panel and should therefore be immune from arrest under the provisions of an earlier agreement.

Mr. Llamas, commander of all rebel forces in the Bicol region southeast of Manila, was wounded and captured in a clash with troops on Wednes-

The chief government negotiator, Howard Dee, said Saturday that the agreement giving munity would only take effect on May 27, or 30 days before the planned start of talks.

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Polls in Spiin Bad News for Socialists

MADRID - Spain's governing Socialists are in for a crossing defeat in nationwide municipal elections on May 28, widely seen as a dress rehearsal for possible early general elections. according to two major polis-published on Sunday.

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A. The reserves in a Caspian Sea have global importance. A baijan's a said to rank third in the four Sovie states—perhaps far greater if sucrecent seessments. I've read are right. Thus, indest is two-fold: to broaden the paper of plyers in the market so we get modiversity in supply—something we've entarged since the late 1970s. Second, U.S. supanies with the track records, technical abolities and financial backing to prove deveserves affshore, want an opportunity to their their. So the U.S. interest has to do in national security and

interest has to do in national security and economics and also ith the livelihood of our companies and the bility to create new jobs in the United Staffrom that oil:

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Q. How strong leve the Russians worked to stop this developent in one of their newly independent neights?

A. I don't thin anyone wants to stop it. The problem fold the parties that have rights in the Chan Sea is how best to articulate those bits. The U.S. position is that the propositow forwarded by the Russian Federation provide this condominium joint sovereign for the center of the Caspian Sea makes nease to anyone who's dealit in oil and gas reves. What we'd like to see is

in oil and gas reves. What we'd like to see is a proposal find a pretty traditional way says who has thights to explore and develop what resources

Q. Isn't a sking point Moscow's demand

for the pipel to cross Russian territory instead of thegh Turkey?

A. The pipele conte is another key issue and our intent is to see that these is number.

development pipelines so you're not simply having one at to move the petroleum. And

the other ise from the vicepoint of U.S. corporate places is the need for cost-effective infrastriere to get the staff out. Even-

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Coming after an ElPais poll Saturday, Phich also gave e Popular arty oerwheimg victory in oting or region-partiament. Socialist pros-

Q&A: Of Evergy and Policy

Energy Secretary Hazel & Learning Russia and the U.S. Interest

Energy Secretary Hazel & Learning and structures on Moscow to unblock the situation?

O. Isn't the Clinton administration leaning on Moscow to unblock the situation?

A. I would come at that quite differently. I don't think we presume we can strongly direct what states do when we partner with them. For the moment, the Russians have a different idea about the route of a pipeline west

and that the main thing was for the Socialists to meet their comscats keep the Socialists in pow-

Mr. Gonzalez, who won gencral elections in June 1993 against many expectations and forged a legislative pact with Mr. Pujor's group, said the Popular Party was being overconfi-

A poil in El Mundo found port for theoremment till the govern in 8 out of 10 major the voting attempts.

We're going through moments of difficulty and cuphoria on the part of the right," he said at a party rally in Gijón.

They think that what the right. They think that what the polls

what states do when we partner with them.

For the moment, the Russians have a different idea about the route of a pipeline west

from the Caspian. Disagreements happen. Economics will settle it. Nothing I do or the

Russians do will change the marketplace re-

Q. Turning to Chemobyl, will Ukraine give

an answer next month to the Group of Seven meeting in Halifax about the facility's future?

A. The United States reached an agreement last year with Ukraine for shutting down the reactor, presuming that an alternative energy source could be identified and international help found to build it. The G-7 has made

some commitments ip support that effort,

including in my mind support not only with the financing but also some debt relief. Find-

ing funding is the pice we're working on now. In the interim, the G-7 has done a very aggressive study to itentify the short-term safety issues, chiefly oncern about whether

the wall in the superstructure next to the now-

Q. What about on own safety problem of storing fissile material from dismantled nu-

A. My team has developed a sharp plan for its ultimate disposition, once it is transmuted or downgraded to be in more toxic than spent commercial fuel. There are four proposed technologies for doing this: once-through a

neactor to downgrade it glassifying and bury-ing it; burying it beneath the seabed — op-tions that I don't think many people are excited about. The lastone is more radical in

reducing radioactivity because it involves

modified oxides. We'n holding the required hearings now, and the United States will scient one of these technologies, probably by

Q. Do you think that the Energy Department will survive the stacks by Republicans?

A. I don't just thin! I know it will. I like to

quote Bob Dole jus two months ago that issues including energy and energy supply

will shape our foreignpolicy for the next 20

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st be economic, and years. It's very imposant to have a cabinet

about these crucial isses.

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The Socialist vote would

neck and neck with the Socialists in Seville, while overtaking them in Cadiz and Málaga. Córdoba would remain in Unit-Madrid would be retained by

In Spain's second city, Barcelona, the fight is between the Socialists and their Catalan

In Catalonia as a whole, the Socialists have 30.3 percent to the Catalan coalition's 37 percent and the Popular Party's

the Socialists to meet their com-mitments to his Convergence Popular Party 46.5 percent of and Union coalition, whose 17 the municipal vote to the Socialists' 27.7 percent, and predicted it would be the most popular party in every region except Extremadura

The poil in El Pais gave the Popular Party only 36.9 percent, but this was well up on the 25.1 percent of the 1991 elections, and saw the Socialists falling to 28 percent from 38. The United Left would surge to

drop sharply in Andalusia, a customary stronghold. Overall in the region, the Popular Party held an edge over the Socialists for the first time in their history, with 33.2 percent to 33.1 percent for the Socialists. This compares with 34.8 percent and 40.1 percent respectively in the European Parliament elections

The Popular Party would be ed Left hands, the poll found.

the Popular Party, with a considerably larger majority. The party's expected victory in the Madrid region was also forecast by the poll in El Pais on Satur-

parliamentary allies, who are neck and neck, according to the



MARCH FOR LIFE - Minister of Justice Jacques Toubon walking Sunday in Paris with some of the nearly 20,000 other people who sought to demonstrate support for people who have AIDS and to raise money for their care.

BRIEFLY EUROPE

Ukraine Aid Expected BRUSSELS — European Union finance ministers are scheduled to authorize nearly \$400 million in aid to Ukraine on Monday in a signal that they believe the Kiev gov-

ernment is committed to closing the Chernobył nuclear power plant. At the meeting, the first to be led by the new French finance minister, Alain Madelin, the ministers are also expected to dis-

cuss Union budget fraud. Ukraine last week announced a schedule for closing the plant, where a reactor exploded in 1986. (AFP)

EU Aspirants to Meet

BRUSSELS — European Union finance ministers will have their first detailed talks with their counterparts from the six East and Central European and three Baltic states that are knocking at the bloc's door.

Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia have all signed Europe agreements with the EU laying the foundations for future membership. Estonia, Latvia and Lithuama are on the verge of signing.

The meeting will take place Monday afternoon after the finance ministers end their formal gathering.

Fighting EU Farm Plan

BONN — Agriculture Minister Jochen Borchert said Saturday that he would lobby his EU counterparts to sink European Commission plans to change how farmers are compensated if currency fluctuations erode their income.

Last week, Mr. Borchert said the commission's real intention might be to abolish all protection for farmers against losses if their currencies strengthened. (Reuters)

Calendar

European Union events scheduled for Monday:

BRUSSELS: EU finance ministers

BRUSSELS: The U.S. trade representative, Mickey Kantor, meets with the European Commission.

BRUSSELS: The EU commissioner for relations with African, Caribbean and Pacific countries, João de Deus Pinheiro, meets with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Sadako Ogata. BERLIN: The EU commissioner for

competition policy, Karel van Miert, speaks at a conference on future market competition and the role of governments. Sources: Agence Europe, AFP.

Major Is Reported Angered by Attack On Fim in Thatcher Autobiography

LONDO — Pame Minister John Majoaiready on the defensive ow political corrup-tion, was ad to be furious on Sunday at bitter attack on his leadershiprom his predeces-

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In excets from the second volume other autobiography, she accus Mr. Major of avoiding probles, splitting his party On forgn policy, she attacks

Mr. Major is already under threaten his leadership.

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And in a threat to Mr. Major's leadership, the Sunday a surce said.
Times, serializing the work to he source be published next month. quotes Mis. Thatcher saying ton of the bitterness she still that it is now time "for others to fells at the way she was uncere take the action required."

Mr. Major, who has fought of toward Europe.

But Mrs. Thatcher's call for a back again and again from disasters after he took over from Mrs. Thatcher in 1990, made no immediate comment.

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people of Britain will not notice ity o govern after 16 years in what is happening to them."

He's distinctly displeased,"

the source said that Mrs. Tatcher's attack was a sympton of the bitterness she still noniously ousted over her poli-

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Camilla Bowles, Charles's Friend, Is Moving Nearby

LONDON -- Camilla Parker Bowles, widely believed to have been the mistress of Prince Charles on and off for nearly 25 years, has bought a country mansion for £850,000 (\$1.3 mil-

lion) just 16 miles away from the prince's country home.

The Mail On Sunday newspaper said Mrs. Parker Bowles, a divorced mother of two, purchased Ray Mill House in Wiltshire, southwestern England, after selling her previous home to Nick Mason, a Pink Floyd drummer, for £1.3 million.

The sale was part of a divorce settlement from her brigadier husband, Andrew.

How new technology is affecting the



Chirac Puts Brakes On French Officials

PARIS — Fulfilling his pledge to curb arrogant displays plitical privilege. President Jacques Chirac has ordered the dicial motorcades, including his own, stop at red lights from

The idea of forcing cabinet ministers to behave like or-ary citizens behind the wheel raised eyebrows among is rench, who recall that the previous conservative government ad to give way within weeks when it tried to make cablet aimisters travel commercially.

Security specialists quickly pointed out a danger in the ew plan: leaders, forced to sit in ears while waiting for the igi to change, would be easy targets for terrorists. No official has said yet whether visiting dignitaries will be

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As part of a package of measures announced this wekend after a cabinet meeting Saturday, the new governments first, Mr. Chirac also announced plans to disband the historial Mr. Chirac also amounced plans to disband the infisterial flight — four corporate jets and two helicopters — that used to be at the disposition of high officials in a hurr. The budget for the mini-airline was never disced, but estimates say the government could cut spendig by two-thirds by shifting ministerial travel to leased plans.

"Camilla's new house, which includes an open-air swimming pool, mature gardens and sta-bles for her nine horses, is only 16 miles from Highgrove, Prince Charles's country home," the newspaper reportIt's all part of

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Speaking Out in China

China's intellectuals are daring to seak out again for greater political freeoms. Two petitions delivered to the auiorities in recent days represent the sost significant public calls for democrasters in Beijing six years ago. Last Monday, some of China's best-

nown scholars urged the government to ft the harsh political verdict and vindicve prison sentences imposed on those rrested for the pro-democracy protests. be scholars further call for an end to the rich hunts and persecutions that have lighted China's intellectual life.

On Friday, a second group warned that hina risked another "blood-soaked agedy" unless the government respect-d the civil rights formally accorded its itizens and instituted new political reorms. The regime promptly arrested the ew petition's organizer, Liu Xiaobo. The 45 signers of Monday's petition

nclude some of China's most distinuished scientists. Among them are Wang Janchang, 88, who played a critical role in leveloping China's nuclear weapons proram. The signers argued that a modern nd intellectually vigorous society could rnly develop when competing ideas are allowed to invigorate science, culture, politics, religion and literature. They also warned that China's most corrosive problem, official corruption, could only be defeated when government was held ac-countable to an informed public.

What makes these petitions especially timely is the waning influence of Deng Xiaoping, whose failing health has apparently removed him from policy deliberations. So long as Mr. Deng remained active, he ruled out any reconsideration of the Tiananmen Square crackdown, an episode that alienated ordinary citizens and continues to distort thousands of intellectual and technocratic careers.

President Jiang Zemin and the chairman of Parliament, Qiao Shi, to whom Monday's petition was addressed, were not directly involved in the repression. Mr. Qiao opposed it and has since spoken out for greater pluralism and tolerance.

Like Andrei Sakharov when he openly opposed Soviet communism, these Chinese scholars are vulnerable dissidents today as they question state repression. But they speak for the future of China, and will someday be honored by their countrymen for their principles and their courage. - THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Clinton Can Start to Fight

The White House and Democratic Pary are understandably concerned about levising tactics that best position Presilent Bill Chinton for what promises to be a lifficult race in 1996. Should he take on off Congress with multiple vetoes and not vorry about being overridden? Or would a string of defeats lead to Republican conrol of both the Hill and the White House?

Such speculations, while seductive, divert us from a crossroads issue that deals not with campaign prospects, but with the threat that the current fad for defunding and dismantling can permanently and irreversibly damage the American government, many Americans and, ineed, the land itself.

Politics aside, Mr. Clinton has a chance now to choose fights of paramount importance, fights capable of reminding the American people that despite the collapse of Democratic leadership in the last Congress, this president came into office as the custodian of values and programs that have a deep co root system of public need and approval.

Mr. Clinton's advocacy and his vetoes should be directed around a central theme of defending those programs and policies. Such an approach would have the advantage of helping show the voters that he does have a core of conviction that he can define and act upon. It also would allow him to define a mission in dramatic contrast to the down-with-government rhetoric of the Congressional Republicans, Mr. Clinton needs to make the point that effective governance of so rich, yet fragile a country is not just a

matter of squeezing the budget. Such a definitional opportunity exists veto of the budget rescission bill. The immediate spending issues are much less important to the future of the nation than an environmental time bomb snuck in by the sawmillers' servant. Senator Slade Gorton of Washington.

His "salvage-logging rider" would allow indiscriminate logging on federal lands

under the guise of controlling insects and plant disease. Mr. Clinton can invoke his irreversibility principle in answer to the Republican efforts to defang the National Forest Management Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act. If the government lifts its protecting hand from what is left of America's natural areas, they will be wounded far into the

future, if not lost forever. Mr. Clinton has a chance to show that he can stand up for good, but unpopular ideas. It is easy to write a poll question that would get a majority to endorse a blockgrant approach to welfare that would leave individual recipients at the mercy of state and local officials. But abandoning the idea that welfare should be a national entitlement would be one of the major social-policy reverses of the 20th century. Mr. Clinton once promised to defend this idea while imposing admittedly needed

reforms. He can seize the issue anew. The war on affirmative action, the drive to abandon America's tradition as a land of immigrants, the Republican hunger to withdraw federal funds from scientific research, the drive to impose public prayer on all citizens and to reverse the right to abortion - all these subjects provide chances for Mr. Clinton to present himself as the last sensible defender against blunders that will be difficult or impossible to correct.

Mr. Clinton has survived the early rounds of the Republican onslaught by covering his head and letting the Republicans wing their punches. But he has got to stick his head up and unlimber his jab. There are many voters unwilling to turn his radical dismantlers or to the morality police. But they cannot be expected to

rally to a passive president.

There is a fashion for contracts at the moment. The best hope for this troubled and embattled president is to draft a contract with principle.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Argentina's One-Man Show

Argentina's spectacular success in stabilizing its economy has been one of the happy surprises of this decade. The man chiefly responsible, President Carlos Saul Menem, was rewarded this past week with re-election.

In 1989, the year he first took office. the inflation rate was 12,000 percent and there were food riots. Over the past year, the rate has been a little under 5 percent - the result of a series of drastic presidential decisions from which his predecessor had repeatedly flinched.

Mr. Menem's performance has been a particularly valuable contribution to Latin American politics because, contrary to a widespread misapprehension, he has demonstrated that a democratically elected president, and a civilian at that, was able to take forceful and highly effective action.

But his success has nonetheless been a great surprise, for he was elected as a Peronist. Historically, Peronism was a particularly batty and destructive kind of populism. Once in office, Mr. Menem stood Peronism on its head in regard to everything that touched economic policy. That move earned him the hostility of some of the aging leaders of the movement, but also the gratitude of voters who had been watching their wealth melt away in the tide of rising prices.

Argentina is a fundamentally rich country whose prosperity has been grievously eroded by catastrophic pubc policies in which Peronism was deeply implicated. Early in this century, the standard of living there was as high as in the United States; today it is around one-fourth the American level. That is the result of decades of trade protection, pervasive subsidization, nationalization and, in general, excessive reliance on all the economic ideas that are wildly popular at first but turn out to be poison. Mr. Menem has done a remarkable job of reversing a tradition that had seemed entrenched almost beyond anyone's ability to change it.

But in doing so, he may have strength-ened another bad Argentine tradition: the country's excessive reliance on one heroic leader who dominates the political system to a degree that skews the normal balances of a democracy. There has been a good deal of anxiety in particular about his manipulation of a judiciary that is now a good deal less than wholly independent. The great question to be answered during his second term is whether Mr. Menem is capable of building a system of government that, after he departs, can run the country with justice and competence.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.



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Eribune East Asia's Immigration Crisis Demands Careful Choices

HONOLULU — The growing interna-tional backlash against immigration, already evident in North America and Western Europe, is spreading rapidly throughout East Asia. Japan and newly industrialized economies in the region are facing an unprecedented influx of legal and illegal Asian immigrants for which they are

neither culturally nor politically prepared. Unemployment, poverty and popula-tion pressures are spurring millions of people from Asia's poorer countries to migrate to the region's wealthier nations, lured by the prospect of better jobs, higher wages and a more attractive life-style. Today, over 2 million Asians can be classified as "intraregional" migrants, compared with just 200,000 in 1980.

Major source countries, such as Indone sia, Bangladesh and the Philippines, rely on this emigration as a safety valve against growing unemployment and low wages. Money sent home by migrant workers also provides a big source of foreign exchange.

Host nations benefit as foreign laborers willingly take the "dirty, dangerous and difficult" jobs shunned by local workers. Foreign workers can frequently be found in Japan's construction industry, Malaysia's plantations and Thai-land's fishing industry, among others.

But even as migrants provide economic benefits to the host country, their presence is not always welcomed. Many Asian host states do not view themselves as "immigration" countries and regard the long-term presence of these foreigners as a cultural and economic threat.

Malaysian officials blame immigrants for spreading diseases, committing crimes and causing squatter problems. Labor unions in Hong Kong and South

By Paul J. Smith

Korea claim that immigrants are driving down wages. In Japan, rightist groups have posted anti-foreigner signs in parks frequented by non-Japanese.

Some host countries are even describing the inflow of immigrants, partly those who enter illegally, as a threat to national secu-rity. Thailand has claimed that the pres-

Tensions over immigration issues are beginning to erupt between host and source nations.

ence of 350,000 illegal immigrants from Burma constitutes such a threat. Malaysia sees illegal foreign workers, who come mainly from Indonesia, in the same way. Reacting to the alleged threat posed by both legal and illegal immigrants, many host governments are enacting strict laws and other measures to limit their numbers. Malaysia and Singapore are relying on caning to deter illegal entrants and those who hire them. Thailand has threat-ened to charge local officials with neglisence of duty if foreigners are found to be working illegally in their jurisdiction. South Korea has vowed that it will expel all illegal immigrants by 1999.

Although many of these "get tough" measures satisfy the demands of domestic constituencies, they often entail a high diplomatic price. Anti-immigrant crackdowns and stiff laws often offend the Asian source country whose nationals are arrested or deported. As a result, tensions

By Thomas L. Friedman

over immigration issues are beginning to erupt between host and source nations.

A spat between Malaysia and the Philip-pines over Filipina maids in 1994 appears to portend a trend for the rest of East Asia. On Palm Sunday last year, Malaysia rounded up hundreds of Filipina maids near a Catholic Church, charging many of them with immigration violations. Kuala Lumpur's action infuriated Manila, which demanded an apology. When Malaysia refused, the Philippine government conduct-ed its own raids in the Subic Bay free port

to search for illegal Malaysian workers.

Recently, relations between Singapore and the Philippines soured over Singapore's execution of Flor Contemplacion, a Filipina maid convicted of murder. Many Filipinos believe that Mrs. Contemplation was not only innocent, but was a victim of her status as an unprotected Filipina working abroad. Following the execution, President Fidel Ramos banned Filipinos from going to Singapore on employment contracts.

But potentially more serious disputes are brewing between China and Russia over the alleged migration of several hundred thousand Chinese to Russia's Far East. Fearing what it calls "peaceful loss" of its territory, the Russian government imposed travel restrictions against Chinese last year, an act that prompted China to detain Russian traders for violating Chinese immigration laws.

Disputes also have erupted between host and source countries in East Asia over the issue of repatriation. When Malaysia sought to send home several thousand illegal immigrants from Burma in 1993, Rangoon refused to accept them, describing the migrants as traitors. Taiwan also has had difficulties sending illegal immigrants

Beijing of purposely stalling their return. More alarming are signs that such con-flicts will intensity in future as the scale of intraregional migration grows in Asia. Major host countries, especially Japan, face worsening labor shortages, just as tradi-tional source countries have to cope with high rates of population and labor force growth as well as chronic unemployment China, with its 1.2 billion inhabitants, is looming as a huge and unwelcome new source of migrants in Asia. Fifteen years of economic and political reform have weakened the government's ability to control and regulate population movement both within and out of the country.

Migration from the countryside to urban areas and emigration, much of it illegal have increased dramatically in recent years. Moreover, a growing memployment crisis — the government recently estimated that 270 million Chinese will be jobless by the vear 2000 -- is likely to increase migration pressures, both internal and external

Rising immigration is posing sensitive political and cultural challenges for the economically dynamic nations of East Asia. Host countries face a choice: Either they embrace immigrant workers and gradually evolve into increasingly multi-cultural societies, or they can resist immigration and cling to traditions of cultural and racial insularity. The choice that is ultimately made will determine whether immigration in Asia becomes a positive force in the region or a source of continued discord, and perhaps even conflict.

The writer, an adjunct fellow with Pacific Forum/CSIS in Honolulu, contributed this to the International Herald Tribune.

Watch Japan Adapt to Trade Sanctions—and Not Open Its Markets

WASHINGTON — After the United States imposed trade sanctions on Japan last week, I found myself thinking back to that old science class experiment where the teacher puts a frog in a pail of water on the stove and gradually turns up the heat. The frog, which is very good at adapting, adjusts to each new lev-el of heat. Eventually, though, the frog boils to death, because it is so

good at adapting it never thinks to jump out of the pail. The Japanese have become so good at adapting to trade threats and the ever-rising value of the yen that instead of doing what a normal country would do jump out of the pail by opening its economy — the Japanese sim-ply keep the foreigners out and adapt to the consequences. They just tighten their belts another notch, sacrifice some profits and move their factories to lower-cost labor markets around Asia. But with the United States hav-

ing slapped a 100 percent tariff on Japanese luxury cars and, more importantly, with the yen having soared in value by 20 percent this past year, making everything Ja-pan sells in the United States 20 percent more expensive, what will Japan do now? Jump, adapt or finally boil into stagnation?

My guess is that Japan will try to adapt again, and not open its markets. The Japanese government is too weak to take the tough steps to deregulate its economy, and its instinct for adapting to foreign pressures is too ingrained.

That is why President Bill Clinton was right to raise the stakes to a boil. The president's only option is to create so much pain for Japanese manufacturers — and so much pleasure for Japanese consumers, by weakening the dollar and making U.S. goods temptingly cheap to buy - that instead of trying to adapt, they will work

to remove Japan's trade barriers. I hope Mr. Clinton has the stomach to keep the heat on, be-cause here's how I think Japan will initially respond: Japanese businesses will use the strong yen

to buy, at bargain-basement prices, more and more factories in cheap labor markets around Asia. This will lower their production costs and nullify the effects of the higher yen on their exports. Sure, Japanese companies may have to eat some losses this quar-

ter. But Japan, unlike America, does not worry about quarterly profits. It worries about quartercentury profits, and in a quarter century, with the yen having such buying power, Japan will own every other factory from southern China to Burma, So the United States can bar all Japan's exports, and Japan will just slip them in

through these other markets. True, this will mean fewer jobs

in Japan, and a hollowing out of its economy, and that in itself will force Japan to import more from abroad. But the Japanese are not just going to sit back and live off their investments in Asia. If history is any guide, they will also adapt by finding more efficient ways to produce in the industries they do keep at home.

With the strong yen forcing them to streamline in order to stay competitive, Japanese firms will move even faster into the knowledge-intensive, high-wage, high-skilled economy of tomorrow that the United States still dreams of.

No, say the classical economists. This time Japan will not be able to adapt. This time they jump or boil. Oh? That's what they said when oil prices quadrupled in the 1970s, but Japan adapted. That's what they said when the yen rose by 50 percent in the 1980s, but Japan adapted. Only a fool would bet against them trying to adapt again, while opening

their markets as little as possible. Unless one thing happens: Japanese consumers decide they are tired of tightening their belts, living in houses the size of a walk-in closet and being the world's richest country and poorest people.

That would be nice, but history also teaches that there is a deep cultural tradition in Japan, shared even by many Japanese consumers, that consumer welfare must always give way to the national welfare, and the national welfare is to win the 100-year

trade war, not the battle of 1995. But if you think this time Japan can't adapt and will open instead, then buy Ford Motor stock; they make a hot little right-hand-drive Mustang for the Japan market. If you think Japan can adapt, without opening much, then buy the yen. That's the bet. The structure of U.S.-Japan competition in the 21st century is riding on the outcome.

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Let George Bush Take Up The Office of Ex-President

By Jim Hoagland

WASHINGTON — Thank W goodness that Phil Gramm cleared up the report that he invested \$7,500 in an R-rated film entitled "Beauty Queens." The Bible-thumping Texas conservative says not to worry — the soft-porn film never got made. He lost all the money he put in a venture mounted by his then brother-in-law.

That's supposed to reassure us? Does Senator Gramm, the selfstyled fiscal Terminator, whose explanation about "Beauty Queens" was drawn from him by reporters on the day he wrapped himself in the Christian Coalition's 10-point blueprint for moral and social reform, want us to understand that he forked over \$7,500 without knowing what it would finance? Or, to paraphrase the Texas writer and Gramm constituent Molly Ivins: How dumb

does this politician think we are? To be fair, Mr. Gramm is being asked to answer for the sins of an ex-in-law, a test that few mortals want to endure and that few would survive unscathed. In the real world, his predicament would be cause for sympathy, not scorn.

But Mr. Gramm does not live in the real world at the moment. His predicament underlines the extraordinary amount of posturing and outright hypocrisy being kicked up by the Republican stampede to challenge a politically vulnerable Democratic incumbent who has had to confess some moral flaws of his own.

Morally, there is little to separate the form and results of Phil Gramm's Vietnam era draft dodging from those of Bill Clinton's effort. Bob Dole, a genuine war hero, has other problems. He gives the concept of flip-flop new vitality with his crass reversals on gun control, affirmative action and moving the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem. Pete Wilson offers to solve a problem he helped create, back when California business needed Mexican workers, by cracking down on immigration. And they call him Slick Willie?

I raise this not to invoke a olague on both Republican and Democratic houses in a spirit of immoral equivalency. These are modern politicians going about their business, such as it is. For most Republican presidential hopefuls that means a spot of naked pandering for the votes of the Christian Coalition and other zeal-

ous "family values" groups. The antidote for the virus raging among Republican hopefuls has just appeared, in the form of George Bush's denunciation of the National Rifle Association's recent hate-mongering. His party and his nation need Mr. Bush to become the active, outspoken expresident he has not been since he skulked out of town two years and four months ago.

Admittedly, many Americans concluded in 1992 that they had seen and heard quite enough of G. H. W. Bush. That feeling of surfeit as much as any other factor accounts for the Clinton presidency. I do not expect instant universal acclaim for my propos-

al, not even from Mr. Bush himself, who went in the blink of an eye from being leader of the world into brooding, hurt silence.

His failure in 1992 was largely a

failure of nerve. He panicked and conducted a horrible campaign.

He should now overcome and erase the legacy of that debacle. For himself: Mr. Bush could use a good ex-presidency to rehabilitate the undersung accomplishments of his four years at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, in which he provided masterful leadership in Operation Desert Storm and managed German re-unification and Soviet collapse

with great skill. For his party: Mr. Bush should

from the brink of self-destruction on gun control, abortion and other divisive social issues by repeatedly speaking out against the torrent of extremism, intolerance and inwardness that afflicts America's political discourse today. His blast at the NRA should be only an opening shot.

For the country: The ethos that has prompted America's international engagement since World War II is under sharp attack in Congress and elsewhere. Mr. Clinton's policies on Russia, the Middle East, foreign aid, Europe-an security and other key issues are closer to those Mr. Bush followed in office than anything

try to bring the Republicans back Dole, Gramm or Wilson are promising. Without in any way endorsing the upstart who beat him, Mr. Bush can credibly help lead the search for a new internationalist American consensus. Liberals say it is too late for

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The Christian Science Monito Los Angeles Times Syndicate

Mr. Bush to atone for his selling out on abortion, the nomination of Clarence Thomas and other issues. Conservatives dismiss him as not credible to their movement. But he has a freedom today granted by defeat that he should exploit. His experience, his record of public service and his instinct for fairness have earned George Bush a hearing by an American public in need of voices of reason. The Washington Post.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Unrequited Love PARIS - A number of details

are forthcoming regarding the suicide of the young man named Chrétien who shot himself because Senorita Otero, the Spanish dancer performing at the Folies-Bergère, had refused to accept his advances. Senorita Otero states that some time ago she received a letter inviting her to supper with Chrétien and enclosing 10,000 francs. These she returned. At each of his visits he was told Senorita Otero could not receive him. This so affected him that on Monday [May 20] he declared his inten-tion of putting an end to his life. Two hours later he shot himself in a cab in the Bois de Boulogne.

1920: Murders in Cairo

CAIRO - It would not be surprising if there were terrible reprisals taken before long for the

dastardly attempts made on the lives of British officers and soldiers. Reprisals would be regretted, however, as only the imaccent would suffer,

1945: Asia-Bound Army WASHINGTON - The Was

Department announced today [May 21] that the 1st Army is on its way to the Pacific. It is being deployed by way of the United States and its personnel will re-ceive furloughs in America before proceeding to the war against Japan. "The divisions and army corps that fight with the 1st Army against Japan will not necessarily be the same as those that fought in Germany," the war department statement said. "However, enough veteran units and veteran personnel will take the field under General Courtney H. Hodges to insure vigorous results against the Japanese."

A Diplomat Who Dared to Tell the Truth

THE DEATH last week of Harry Bergold. the U.S. ambassador to Nicaragua from 1984 to 1987, may have marked a curious milestone in the remembrance of a diplomat. The exceptional accomplishment of his career, according to The Times' obituary, was sharing information with reporters. That is probably not the epitaph Mr. Bergold would have chosen, but it is honorable and fitting because Mr. Bergold believed that the more Americans knew about their government's policies in Nicaragua the more they would want to change them.

At the height of the Reagan administration's misguided efforts to destabilize Nicaragua, Mr. Bergold was courageous enough to substitute truth for the distortions and lies the administration offered. I was one of the reporters who talked with Mr. Bergold during those years. Some discussions were official and I cited him by name. Others were informal, and he asked not to be identified. But his role as a source of information was hardly a secret.

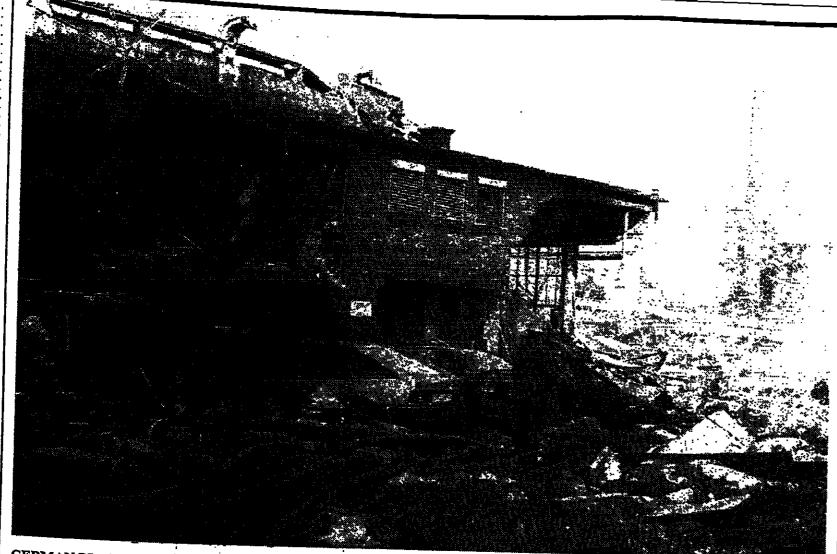
I never knew whether he took the post in Managua already determined to oppose American policy, or whether he drifted into opposition when he saw what was happening on the ground in Nicaragua. But Mr. Bergold was honest at a time when U.S. policy in Central America was dishonest. While officials in Washington talked piously about supporting democracy in the region and operating within limits set by Congress, Mr. Bergold warned of clandestine U.S. military and intelligence programs that defied congressional restrictions. When officials at the State Department spoke of peace talks with the Sandinista leaders, Mr. Bergold described Washington's plans to manipulate the talks for propaganda purposes.

Mr. Bergold was not soft on the Saudinistas. As a former ambassador to Hungary, he knew more about authoritarian governments than many of his colleagues in Washington. What galled him was the duplicity of U.S. policy, and the use of covert means to pursue objectives never publicly declared or congressionally sanctioned. Mr. Bergold paid for his disloyalty when supporters of the anti-Sandinista campaign blocked his next posting to Morocco. What they never understood was that Mr. Bergold acted not to undermine American policy but to detend American principles.

- Philip Taubman, writing in The New York Times.

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GERMAN BLAST — A fire fighter surveying the remains of a steel plant in Dillingen. A gasometer explosion started a fire that hurt 10 people.

onciliation in the aftermath of

the Gulf War, Mr. Abdel-Me-

guid said the meeting would probably be "dedicated to Jeru-

salem as the only item on its

Israel announced last month

that it would confiscate about

131 acres of land in mainly Pal-

estinian areas of East Jerusalem

so it could construct housing

there for Jews. On Wednesday,

the United States vetoed a Se-

expropriation.

A Rare Arab Summit Appears Likely

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By Youssef M. Ibrahim New York Times Service

PARIS -- Israel's decision to confiscate Arab land in Jerusalem has galvanized Arab kings and presidents to begin planning a rare summit meeting that may be held in the next 10 days.

Beyond the Israeli move, what seems to have most angered Arab governments is the American veto last week of a UN Security Council resolution denouncing the confiscation of the land. Even the most enthusiastic supporters of Middle East peace efforts have bitterly condemned the veto, saying it raised serious doubts about Washington's ability to mediate impartially between Israelis

Moroccan, Egyptian and Jordanian officials said the only

meeting was how many Arab heads of state would attend. Sandi Arabia and Syria have shown little enthusiasm for Arab summit meetings since the Gulf War, which scriously divided the Arab world.

"A summit will take place before the end of the month," Esmat Abdel-Meguid of Egypt, the Arab League's secretarygeneral, said in a telephone interview from Cairo. He said the gathering would probably be held in Morocco, with King Hassan II, chairman of the socalled Jerusalem Committee of the Organization of Islamic Conference, acting as host.

Arab League officials said Hassan Friday sent Morocco's prime minister and foreign minister, Abdellatif al-Filali, for a

uncertainty about the summit round of consultations in the ed States had exercised its veto Saudi, Syrian and Egyptian power in five years. capitals to foster momentum for a strong Arab response.

The action also came less than a week after Washington Although several Arab nabacked Israel's refusal to sign tions are pushing for a more the treaty to halt the spread of nuclear weapons while insisting nuclear weapons while insisting ing, including the theme of recthat Arab nations that do not have such weapons adhere to it,

Former Defense Chief In Hospital After Stroke

WASHINGTON — Former Secretary of Defense Les Aspin, 56, was hospitalized in Washington in critical condition after suffering a stroke, a spokesman

"Upon admission he was awake, lucid and speaking," a curity Council resolution that called on Israel to reverse the Georgetown Hospital spokes-It was the first time the Unitman said Saturday.

Frenchman Held In Arab's Death

PARIS — A 23-year-old youth is being held in connection with the drowning of a man of Arab descent, the second such case in France this year, official sources said over the

They said David Beaune had confessed to pushing Imad Bouhoud, a Frenchman of Tunisian descent, into the harbor at Le Havre last month in a fight over a pistol. Mr. Beaune was arrested last Monday in a

separate mugging case. In an attack that caused widespread outrage, Brahim fundamentalist movement, Bouarram, 29, a Moroccan, was pushed into the Seine during a Paris march by the far-right anti-immigrant National Front on May I. He drowned. Three "skinheads" are being held in connection with the attack

lands, known as the Spratly Is-lands in the West and the a Western diplomat. Nansha Islands by China, are regarded as a potential source The statement by Beijing is the first to clarify China's claim

China's Assurance on Spratlys

Claim to Islands Should Not Impede Navigation 11

its claim to a group of islands in the South China Sea is not meant to impede freedom of by separating its territorial dispute with five other countries navigation or the safe passage from international questions of of aircraft and ships of other freedom of the seas. Vietnam, the Philippines, Taiwan, Brunei "We hope the ordinary sailand Malaysia also have claims ing of foreign vessels through the South China Sea shall not in the Spratly Islands.

By Patrick E. Tyler New York Times Service

BEIЛNG — China, respond-

ing to concern by the United

States, Japan and its Southeast

Asian neighbors, has said that

In Tunisia Vote

TUNIS - Tunisia voted in

local elections on Sunday in

in 47 of 257 municipalities. In

the other 210 areas, voters had no choice other than the ruling

Constitutional Democratic Ral-

Political analysts said the op-

position groups were unable to find more candidates to run for

the poll in the remaining mu-

Tunisia operated a one-part

system for most of the period

from independence in 1956 un-

til 1981. Since then, there have

been some political reforms,

but the Constitutional Demo-

cratic Rally has kept a tight

watched nervously in the 1990s

as Muslim militants in neigh-

boring Algeria challenge the au-

thorities in a conflict there. Tu-

which was active in the late

1980s and early 1990s, has been

crushed since hundreds of its

leaders and members were ar-

rested in 1992. It is banned and

has had no open political pres-

Tunisia's secular elite has

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countries.

For the Clinton administrabe adversely affected by the existing disputes," Shen Guofang, tion, which has sought to stay out of the territorial dispute, the issue of safe passage through the area has become a major concern. A key question has been whether China was seek-Opposition Seen ing to extend its sovereignty **Gaining Councils** over the shipping lanes through

which 70 percent of Japan's crude oil imports pass.
While Washington has said it hoped for a negotiated solution, it has sought clarification on the navigation issues in private contacts with Chinese leaders.

which opposition candidates were expected to enter the mu-The commander of U.S. nicipal councils for the first Richard C. Macke, raised these concerns in meetings with Chi-Five legal opposition parties, nese military leaders last near the reef. who boycotted the last local polls in 1990, fielded candidates

the Foreign Ministry spokesman, said last week. The is-

Mr. Shen did not elaborat when asked how Beijing de fined its territorial limit aroun the 21 islands and atolls, 5 submerged land spits and 2 partly submerged bits of corr and rock that make up the is land group.

China first pressed its clair to the area through a 1992 lather that laid down regulations fourts ships seeking to transit the way 30 ters that pass close to the it can lands and reefs.

The law called for the "imme diate eviction of foreign miliand tary vessels or vessels owned build foreign governments and use; to for noncommercial purpose im-that violate the laws and regulary. tions" of China.

The Foreign Ministry state and ment follows a confrontation and Mischief Reef, 120 miles (19 the kilometers) off the coast of thing-Philippines.

Manila organized a tour o of the Mischief Reef area for journer forces in the Pacific, Admiral nalists on May 13, but the trip was interrupted by close enhan

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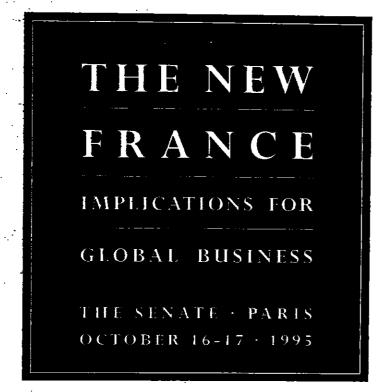
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By Carl Gewirtz

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is building a base for future advances.

That, at least, is the interpretation bank-

ers offered for the blow-out success last

week of \$1.5 billion worth of global bonds offered by Canada. Underwriters said de-

mand for the five-year paper easily topped \$2 billion. Tellingly, buyers in North America accounted for only a quarter of

Equally interesting is the reopening of emerging-market debt, closed since the fi-

nancial upset in Mexico at the end of last

vear. Two Brazilian banks - Banco Ba-

merindus SA and Banco Bradesco SA tapped the dollar market last week, as did

Banco de Comercia Exterior of Colombia,

providing evidence that investors are less

worried about credit risk these days and

The yield on the one-year Bamerindus

paper was 400 basis points over compara-

bly dated U.S. government paper, while

the spread on the two-year Bradesco notes,

reflecting its high standing, was 375 basis points. The high yields on a currency that

could be poised to recover is reviving both

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Most Active International Bonds

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Dollar-Denominated Issues Shine writers said. The lead managers on the Brazilian notes were were Swiss Bank Corp. and Union Bank of Switzerland,

further evidence of solid retail support. Bankers add that there are more Brazil-PARIS - With the dollar safely tucked ian issues on the launching pad, while the in a trading range - unable to pierce the government itself is readying an issue of 50 caps of 1.45 Deutsche marks and 88 yen

but not threatening to test its recent lows
—international investors are moving back billion yen. Japanese investors also were buying the high-yielding emerging-market paper. The into the currency on the assumption that it amount sold into Japan "is not huge, but enough to be interesting," one banker commented. That was about the same as the assessment of managers of the Canadi-

> The bulk of the Canadian sales took place in Europe, accounting for just over half of the amount sold. In addition, just over 20 percent was placed in Asia. Although sales into Japan were relatively small, bankers report that demand in Japan was increasing — raising hopes that investors in the world's largest creditor country are preparing to open their wallets for foreign securities.

> The Japanese also were estimated to have taken some 10 percent of the 500 million DM of 10-year bonds offered last week by the Inter-American Development Bank. While the actual amounts sold into Japan are not enormous, bankers are eager to believe that the long hiatus in Japanese private capital outflows is ending.
> But analysts at Salomon Brothers Inc.

cautioned against getting too excited about this prospect, warning that Japanese investors may be using foreign income to buy foreign securities rather than selling kind of paper in Europe and Asia, under- yen to buy them.

likely to be extended," said Robert Feldman, Tokyo-based analyst for Salomon. Only faint signs of change in trade and capital flow fundamentals have emerged over the past month, and other signals are adverse to yen weakness. Until a clear trend toward lower trade and current account surpluses is established, investor reluctance to invest in foreign assets could renew some upward pressure on the yen."

Italy, meanwhile, plans to go directly to Japan to seek up to 500 billion yen through the simultaneous sale of short-, mediumand long-term paper. Last November, Italy used this three-prong strategy to raise

450 billion yen. The first global bond denominated in French francs, issued by Portugal, was well received, with most of the demand coming from domestic French investors. The 6 billion francs of 10-year bonds was priced to yield 33 basis points more than domestic government paper — a level that was deemed fair but tight. An estimated 20 percent was taken by

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U.S. investors, on the face of it a surprise given the uncertain outlook for the currency under President Jacques Chirac's new government. But bankers noted that the foreign participation in the Portugal issue was not new money coming into the French market but rather switching, or selling French government paper for the higher yield. Managers estimated 40 percent was sold in France while sales in Asia were described as marginal. The proceeds were not swapped because Portugal is tak-ing the francs into its reserves.

Companies Rush to Secure Cheap Credit

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches lowest levels of the year has prompted a flood of corporate debt issues, but the pace of new

paper could slow this week if investors begin to reject the stingy returns. Last week, 24 companies issued \$5.3 billion worth of debt, Hancock Funds in Boston. The

a record for the year, while the yield on the benchmark U.S. 30-year issue fell to 6.92 percent from 6.99 percent the previous week. The yield touched 6.86 percent Tuesday. Issuance of corporate bonds

in May already is at the highest monthly level since the \$13.8 billion offered in March 1994 and could soon approach the \$20.4 billion sold in January 1994.

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NEW YORK - A slide in could be drying up as the heavy long-term interest rates to the supply drags on the secondary

> "You're having some indigestion in the market," said James Ho, a bond manager at John

U.S. CREDIT MARKETS spate of corporate bond sales is

putting pressure on "rates in general," he said. Among the most recent companies selling bonds to lock in low borrowing costs were the Chicago branch of ABN Amro Bank NV and Host Marriott

Corp., which sold a total of \$2 "There continue to be large

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the supply-demand equation changes," said Rebekah Helzel, a trader at BA Securities Inc. in San Francisco.

Potential issuers are likely to long as U.S. Treasury rates re-

> "As long as portfolio managers believe rates are going low-er, supply is not a problem," said Terrence Pigott, head trader at Daiwa Securities America in New York.

Government bond traders next week will focus on a meeting Tuesday of the Federal Open Market Committee and the Treasury's auctions of \$74.7 billion in new bills and notes.

Few dealers or traders said deals coming into the market they expected the central bank

Over 3-month Libor. Callable at par from 1998. Fees 0.175%. Denominations \$10,806. (Sanwa Infl.)

Over 6-month Libor, Noncollable. Also \$62 million of notes due 2003 and paying 0.55 over Libor, Fees not disclosed. (Morgan Stanley Int'L)

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Reaffered at 87.90. Noncollable. Fees 2%. (Deutsche Bank.)

Reoffered at par. Noncallable. Fees 2½%. (ABN-AMRO Bank.)

Reoffered at 99.811, Noncallable, Fees 176%, (HSBC Markets.)

Semiannually, Noncollable, Fees 0.75%. (Union Bank of Switzerland.)

Reoffered at 99.92. Noncatlable, Fees not disclosed. (BT Securifies.)

Reaffered at 99.273, Noncallable, Fees 2%, (Barclays de Zoele Wedd.)

Noncollable, Fees 0.20%, Denominations 100 million yen. (Nomura Int'l.)

Noncollable, Fees 0.50%, Denominations 1 million yen. (Nikko Europe.)

Noncollable, Fees 0.30%, Denominations 166 million year. (DKB Int'l.)

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7 101.375 99.95 Reoffered at 99.95. Nancallable, Fees 14%, (Oresdaer Bank.)

\$1,500 2000 61/2 99.235 99.25 Semiannually, Noncallable, Fees 0.25%. (Deutsche Bank.)

But the record issuance levels every day, and at some point, to change its holding pattern on interest rates at the meeting Tuesday.

"The economy is showing too many signs of slowing down for the Fed to consider tightening find the market attractive as anymore," said Marilyn Schaja, an economist at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp. "By the same token, the slowdown in economic activity is suggesting to some market participants that the Fed is poised to ease its monetary policy.

But Ms. Schaja added that any easing in policy would be premature because the Federal Reserve Board would want to make sure that the economy's growth rate was below its noninflationary potential.

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CAREERS On the Multimedia Frontier, Entrepreneurs Reinvent Technology — and Themselves

By Richard Covington
Special to the Herald Tribune

CANNES - In the wide-open spaces of the new-media frontier, the most enterprising pioneers will be those skilled in recreating their careers from scratch every 10 years, according to the science historian

These virtuosos of flexibility will be lared as much by the rewards of an industry that is expected to top \$1 trillion within the next decade as by the prospect of being present at the creation of a new art form.

For Christopher Cerl - publisher, songwriter, satirist and now multimedia developer — this sounds like heaven. Like two fellow multimedia developers

- David Stephen, a Harvard-trained former numbers-cruncher for a Hollywood studio, and Alan Snow, a children's book illustrator -- Mr. Cerf has never able to sit

still in one medium for long.

"Actually, I've always had my feet in several media at once," Mr. Cerf said. "If you're someone who likes to write music and only hooks this multimatia one is and silly books, this multimedia gig is

The winner of two Grammy awards for television series, to devise a comprehensive songs he wrote for "Sesame Street," founder of the magazine National Lampoon, author of the recently published Official Sexually Correct Dictionary and Dating Guide," and chairman of Random House's Modern Library series, Mr. Cerf has plunged into multimedia with both feet, both arms and both legs.

fronically, to some, his aim is to improve literacy, to teach children and adults how to read using the new media that some skeptical educators fear will destroy the literary culture. Mr. Cerf is negotiating with a U.S. pub-

hic television station to produce a new series to teach reading, developing Sesame Street-style characters with "phonic identi-

ties," he said.
"We might design a museum that only contains exhibits beginning with the letter B," he said, "and the series will be available on multimedia computers, as well as TV."

Beginning in the 1970s, Mr. Cerf started collaborating with Theodore Geiss, the late author of the Dr. Seuss children's books, and the Children's Television Workshop, producer of the Sesame Street

multimedia literacy tool. But it was not until the last year or so that the technology became sufficiently advanced to combine music, text and animation, he said.

"Unless you have all these elements, you lose the kids," Mr. Cerf said. "Now you can bring up a television video on the computer screen, and at the same time,

T've found that people in this business are as smart and as entrepreneurial as any I've ever encountered.'

Christopher Cerf, multimedia developer.

construct a good many of the sentences a child might learn in an entire year." Since founding his own company, Christopher Cerf Associates Inc., he has helped put Sesame Street's Muppets on CD-ROM, initiated a joint venture with a new-

media developer, Voyager Co., to make the

catalog of the Modern Library available in multimedia format and advised Random House on other new media ventures.

"It's all pretty seamless to me," he said. "I don't suddenly stop and say, 'Oh boy, I'm changing media now.' And I've found that people in this business are as smart and as entrepreneurial as any I've ever

David Stephen learned the new media ropes at the video-games giant Sega Europe Group Ltd. in Britain.

A former experimental filmmaker and Harvard Business School graduate. Mr. Stephen spent three years in Los Angeles in management at Columbia-Tristar Films before moving to Sega. For the past year, as the chief executive officer of Real World Ltd., he has been collaborating with the musician Peter Gabriel on the creation of visual computer compact disks.

"In Los Angeles, there were a hundred thousand guys like me, guys with business backgrounds trying to work their way up in the film industry," he said. "But working in England in multimedia, there's a lot more opportunity."

"The power in multimedia is now shifting from software gurus to the artists and musicians themselves," Mr. Stephen added, "In another few years, the distributors will probably have it locked up, just like they did

60 years ago with the movie business." The record companies are "nervous and unsure" about marketing visual compact disks, he said, fearful that "sales may can-

nibalize audio CD sales." Mr. Stephen was pessimistic about the future of visual, or "enhanced" CDs. He said he expected consumers would not be willing to pay a significant premium for the visual component, unless the computer disk offers that clusive element of "repeatability" - industry jargon for hours spent playing the disk.

With 150 children's books to his credit, Alan Snow should have known to leave well enough alone. Hooked into multimedia by Bob and Aline Stein of Voyager Co., Mr. Snow immediately started doodling dog illustrations for what was to become his first visual compact disk on computer.
"Bob and Aline said it was easy; they lied,"

he said. "Eight thousand hours and \$60,000 later, we've produced a very stupid idea. It's a dog simulator."

Mr. Snow's interactive cartoon. P.A.W.S - which stands for personal animated wagging system — is relentlessly silly, allowing a player to track canine misadventures from the dog's point of view: digging for bones, being attacked by a cat, being launched like a rocket.

"We built so much randomness into the thing, even I don't know what the dog will encounter next," Mr. Snow said.

Mr. Snow previously worked as a sound engineer for the rock group Tears for Fears, contributed animation to Mr. Gabriel's visual compact disk, "Xplora 1," and designed an audio sequencer to mix samples of music in real time. With two partners, Mr. Snow formed the Domestic Funk Products company.

After P.A.W.S., which the trio presented in Cannes recently at Apple Computer of Inc.'s New Media Forum, Mr. Snow and n company next plan to unleash something he terms "organic software toys," involving artificial intelligence and computer-generated organisms that mutate on their own.

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Mexico Takes a Cybertrail Blazed by Zapatista Rebels

By Ted Merz Bloomberg Business Vews

EXICO CITY — The Mexican government is following the Zapatista rebels into cyberspace. As part of a promise to provide foreign investors with more financial information after the devaluation of the peso in December, Mexico's consulate in the United States

has begun an electronic information service on the Internet. The rebels are already there, with a site on the information highway that includes a picture of their masked, pipe-smoking

leader, Subcomandante Marcos, and the full text of the Zapatista declaration of war against the So far, financial Mexican government.

The government's offerings are a little more tame. Trade statistics and financial data are mixed with notices of cultural events. A notice of an exhibition by Mexican artists in New York

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allows users to pull up reproductions of the paintings on display.

The service, available on the part of the Internet called the World Wide Web at http://www.quicklink.com/mexico/, is the first step in a broader plan to make Mexico's three main financial databases

So far, financial information on the consulate's Web page is limited to some economic figures on exports and international reserves. There is also a place — as yet unfilled — for the stock exchange to post activity reports and for Nacional Financeria, a development bank, to provide some currency and money market rates.

One advantage of the Web is that investors can quickly click on

other sites with related information. To find out more about President Ernesto Zedillo, for example, one can click on a separate page created by the Mexican Center of the Institute of Latin American Studies at the University of Texas. The page, reached by typing http://lanic.utexas.edu/, includes color photographs of the current cabinet and biographies.

The consulate's Web page is just part of a series of efforts over the past five months to make Mexico's finances more transparent. The project was launched, in part, to counter criticism of the way the government handled information after devaluing the peso in De-

Mexican officials accustomed to tightly comrolling the domestic media and limiting the flow of information may have been irked by the steady chatter about Chiapas and the Zapatistas on the Internet. There was little they could do about it, since a Zapatista Web page is available through the University of Texas and another from University of Guadalajara by typing http://mexico.udg.mx/ingles.html

So the government decided instead to turn technology to its advantage. "We are taking advantage of new technologies that are available," said Jorge Pinto, Mexico's consul general in New York.

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Traders Vote No On Chirac

Doubts on Pledge Burden Franc

> By Carl Gewirtz tional Herald Tribune

PARIS - Now that the French presidential election is over, the foreign-exchange market is voting against the franc. with many dealers doubting that the new administration can keep its pledge to slash unem-ployment without damaging the currency.

Thus, while the other major currencies barely budged last week and when the European beliwether Deutsche mark fell gainst almost all its neighbors. the franc declined across the board - even against such weaklings as the Mexican peso and the Italian lira.

Despite President Jacques Chirac's affirmation that be plans no change in exchangerate policy, the currency market is swamped with rumors that he might finesse this commitment by substituting the anchor for olding the franc strong.

The rumor is that instead of measuring the franc's strength or weakness against the European Union's strongest currency, the mark, the franc would be tied to the European Currency Unit, the current basket of all EU monies that is scheduled to become the area's common cur-

rency by the end of the decade. The advantage of dropping the mark rate in favor of the Ecu anchor is that the basket includes weaker currencies like the Spanish peseta and the Portuguese escudo - as well as the weaklings that have been driven out of the European monetary system's exchangerate mechanism (sterling and the lira) and those, such as the Greek drachma, never strong enough to have ever been part

The change in anchor would in no way alter the franc's permissible fluctuation against the mark. The outer band would remain unchanged at 3.8948 francs per mark. Rather, by holding the franc stable against the Ecu, the government could allow the that now ring when the mark Japan's financial sector. strengthens to 3.6 francs.

most full use of the permitted fluctuation against the mark, an option it had lost. Under present conditions, short-term French to prevent the franc from nearing the outer limit. By anchoring to the Ecu, French rates could fall until the outer limit against

the mark was approached. Charles Wyplosz, a monetary specialist at Insead, the French business school, said that pegging the franc to the Ecu instead of the mark "would be a significant change and a smart move." But he questioned whether France had anything substantial to gain. The move would clear the way for France to cut short-

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Lloyd's Limps Forward Settlement Offer to Its Backers Awaited

By Erik Ipsen International Herald Tribune

LONDON - Confused. concussed, and limping heavily, Lloyd's of London this week will confront perhaps the greatest challenge in its three centuries of exis-

The insurance market has lost an estimated £6.7 billion (\$10.51 billion) between 1988 and 1991, and it is expected to reveal on Tuesday a further loss of about £1.5 billion for

Industry sources said Lloyd's also would announce a plan to exorcise the demons that have threatened it with ruin: internecine warfare between those who make up the market by pledging their wealth to underwrite insurance and mushrooming claims against policies written years ago covering risks such as natural disasters and asbestos

poisoning. The main order of business at Lloyd's this week is expected to be a new settlement offer - said to be £3 billion to its Names, the individuals whose money has traditionally stood behind its policies. Many Names have alleged in-competence and negligence on the part of agents and underwriters regarding old policies and are suing Lloyd's for

damages. Eighteen months ago. Lloyd's offered its Names £900 million to. in effect. drop their suits against the market and honor their debts to it. That offer met with prompt rejection Analysis

now say, moreover, that the increase in the amount of the expected settlement offer is illusory since the market's

losses have grown so much. But in spite of such criticism, there is growing sentiment that Names may now be more willing to seek a com-promise with Lloyd's.

The overwhelming sense is that everyone would like a settlement," said Christopher Stockwell, chairman of the

There is growing sentiment that Names may be willing to seek a compromise.

Lloyd's Names Associations' Working Party, the group representing most of the Names in litigation. "There simply is no joy in the ongo-ing warfare."

Notwithstanding such warweariness, Mr. Stockwell and others have cautioned that Names would balk at any offer that promised them less than they would hope to wring out of the market through the courts.

Key to the success or failure of any settlement offer, however, would be the second prong of Lloyd's anticipated moves: plans to isolate the market, which is currently trading profitably, from the plague of its old policies.

Lloyd's, which reports its results three years in arrears, is believed to have made a

profit of £1 billion in each of the last two calendar years.

Disasters such as the Exxon Valdez oil spill off the coast of Alaska in 1989 and the Piper Alpha oil-rig fire in the North Sea in 1988 devastated the market, as did numerous asbestos cases in the

The plan to separate old and new policies hinges on a new entity, to be called Equitas. Like troubled banks that have essentially escaped their soured loans by consigning them to separately capitalized, so-called bad banks, Lloyds' hopes to place all of its unprofitable policies written through 1992 into Equitas.

But in the case of Lloyd's, where the scope of the potential liabilities is enormous, the exercise is complex to say the least. One of many conundrums is just how much money Equitas would need to pay off on thousands of individual policies. Another is where that cash would come from.

For the Names, Equitar would offer the opportunity to end years of uncertainty over the scope of their poten tial losses by finally and firmly capping them. With what would be, in essence, policies that insured against the losses of old policies. Names could pay a premium to Equitas

and, at last, exit the market. "It is widely recognized that without a cap, no settlement deal will work," said Richard Platts, membership secretary for the Gooda Walker Action Group, a

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Singapore Air **Gets Lift From More Travelers**

Bv Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune

SINGAPORE - Buoved by an upturn in global air travel. Singapore Airlines Ltd. on Monday reported a rise of more than 50 percent in its operating profit for the year to March. But the carrier's stellar per-

formance was dragged down by weak returns at the company's other units. The airline posted an operating profit of 817 million Singa-

pore dollars (\$586 million) for 1994-95, up nearly 53 percent, as fuel prices fell and recovering economies in major industrialized countries encouraged international air travel. But annual profit of the com-

pany's subsidiaries, which include an investment unit, a regional carrier and engineering, airport terminal services and airport duty-free shops, plunged by 60 percent, to 114 million dollars.

As a result, operating profit for the entire Singapore Airlines group rose only 14 percent in the year, to 931 million dollars. Net profit was 917 million dollars, up from 801 million dollars. Revenue rose to 6.56 billion dollars from 5.24 billion dollars.

With rival airlines in the region discounting fares and gaining market share at the expense of Singapore Airlines, the company said the outlook for passenger traffic, which accounts for more than two-thirds of total revenue, was mixed.

it would match recent discounts by competitors, including a 30 percent cut in fares to European and U.S. destinations by Ma-laysian Airline System Bhd.

But Singapore Airlines said competition in 1995-96 would be keener as airlines jostle to regain traffic after the turn-around of the industry in 1994."

It warned that passenger and cargo margins would continue to be under pressure from com-petition and the strength of the Singapore dollar. As a longhaul and regional carrier, Singapore Airlines earns much of its revenue in currencies other

than the Singapore dollar. Analysts said Sunday that Singapore Airlines faced a difficult choice: if it failed to respond to fare discounting by rivals it would probably keep losing market share, but if it started price cutting profits would fall.

China Looks for Investors China will send a delegation to the United States in August to seek help in building new airports and expanding existing facilities, news agencies report-

ed from Beijing. While the U.S. trip is aimed at drumming up investment for airport construction projects, Yang Yinbao, an official with China's Civil Aviation Administration, said it was only the beginning of a push to attract foreign cash into all areas of aviation infrastructure.

(AFP, Bloomberg)

Sumitomo Leads the Way Into the Red

By Sheryl WuDunn New York Times Service

TOKYO — It is the biggest bank in the world, owns a chunk of Goldman. Sachs & Co., is being harassed and shot at by gangsters and is little known outside Japan.

Sumitomo Bank Ltd. has amassed the equivalent of \$624 billion in assets, about 2.5 times as much as Citibank, by daring to blaze its own trail in a country that preaches franc more slippage against the conformity. But now it is facing an array of nges that underscore the turmoil in

Since 1916, when Sumitomo became the In other words, the change first private bank in Japan to expand overwould allow the government al- seas, it has been one of the country's most aggressive and profitable institutions. This week, its fortunes will take a new turn as it becomes the first Japanese bank in the postwar period to report an annual loss. At least interest rates would have to rise three other Japanese banks also are expected to post losses this month.

For Sumitomo, the loss in the year to March 31 will come because it is writing off a large chunk of bad debt.

Analysts love this sort of aggressiveness, but customers often do not. A survey among corporate banking customers this month found that Sumitomo was the most unpopular bank in Japan — apparently because it has the temerity to turn down credit risks.

"If there is any Japanese bank that is most like an American bank, it is Sumitomo," a competing Japanese banker said.
"It is the most profit-driven. If your industry doesn't have potential, they won't lend

Sakura Plans Write-Off Of \$4 Billion in Loans

TOKYO - Sakura Bank Ltd. plans to write off a total of 350 billion yen (\$4 billion) in bad loans in the year to March 1996, the Nihon Keizai newspaper said. The bank may sell stocks to generate cash for the write-off.

Japanese financial institutions are in the process of writing off a huge volume of nonperforming loans extended to real estate buyers in the 1980s. Major commercial banks alone have bad loans totaling more than 13 trillion yen.

Just a few years ago, size and status were everything to a bank. In the 1980s, economic growth in Japan led its bankers to lend recklessly at home and expand breathlessly overseas.

Sumitomo added 14 offices abroad in the late 1980s, invested \$500 million in Gold-

man Sachs and racked up a pile of bad It is now paying for that wild growth. It

was forced to absorb a large client, Itoman, that collapsed in the middle of an art scandal and led to the resignation in 1990 of Sumitomo's chairman, Ichiro Isoda.

Write-downs related to Itoman also make up a significant part of this year's losses, which are expected to be between 250 billion yen and 300 billion yen (\$2.9 billion

Then for more than a year, Sumitomo had a series of bizarre brushes with the Japanese underworld. It was the target of more than a dozen attacks, presumably stemming from business dealings with crime syndicates or loans turned sour. In 1993, a Molotov cocktail was tossed

into the residence of Tatsumi Sctoo, the bank's current chairman. Then, apparently in a separate incident last fall, an executive director in the bank's Nagova branch was fatally shot.

page, or at least bringing itself into line with banks in the rest of the modern world. It is building a new computer system,

extending banking hours, expanding its lending to small companies and developing better techniques for risk management. It also is cleansing its books and trimming its size to prepare for the next bout of fierce competition.

"Japan has been behind the United States by 10 years," said the president of Sumitomo, Toshio Morikawa, who recently stepped down as the industry's leading

Sumitomo's experience is a warning light to other banks with growth aspirations, particularly Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, which is expected to be formed next spring through the merger of Bank of Tokyo Ltd. and Mitsubishi Bank Ltd.

Not only Sumitomo, but all the major banks are trying to find a way to survive, an executive at a Japanese bank said. "For five decades after World War II, bankers have lived in a highly regulated industry and top banks look so similar to each other."

ICI Submits New Bid for Grow Group

LONDON - Imperial Chemical Industries PLC said Sunday that it had submitted a new bid in its battle with a U.S. rival, Sherwin-Williams Co., for control of the New York paint maker Grow Group Inc. "ICI has submitted a bid,"

said an Imperial spokesman, refusing to give details. ICI opened the bidding on

May 1 with a \$18.10 per share offer for Grow that valued the company at \$290 million, only to see it topped a week later by a \$19.50-per-share offer from Sherwin. For both bidders, buying

Grow would fulfill a pressing need to increase sales in the U.S. market, which accounts for a third of global paint sales, analysts said. Grow's marine coatings and strong retail-store pres-ence, especially in California, make it a good fit for both suitors. Industry observers have added that cost-cutting opportunities at Grow are considerable.

ICI currently sells around \$1 billion in paint per year in the United States, having bought the Cleveland-based Glidden paints for \$550 million in 1986. That acquisition brought it into headon competition with Sherwin, which is also based in Cleveland.

ICI, the British chemicals giant, last year introduced its Dulux brand of paint in the United States and further strengthened its hand by acquiring Decratrend Paints of California.

Grow had sales of \$402 million in the year ended June 30.

■ Icahn Rockefeller Gambit Carl C. Icahn, the financier

known for wresting Trans World Airlines from its management. has been buying the debt of Rockefeller Center Properties Inc., the real estate investment trust that holds the \$1.3 billion mortgage on Rockefeller Center, Stephanie Strom of the New York Times. Traders said late Friday that

Mr. Icahn's investment firm had been accumulating the trust's bonds since two partnerships that own Rockefeller Center filed for bankruptcy on May 11. The trust is the largest creditor of the partnerships, in which the Mitsubishi Estate Co. of Japan has an 80-percent stake and the Rockefeller family has a 20 percent stake.

and

As of the end of last year, Mr. lcahu's firm also owned less than i percent of Rockefeller Center Properties' 38.26 million shares, most of which are held by individual investors.

Once known as a corporate raider, Mr. Icahn in recent years has become one of a clique of investors who specialize in buying stakes in distressed companies.

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CREWE, England - In the demonstration room of AromaScan PLC, a group of tobacco executives are watching a teal- and cream-colored machine director. that looks like a large coffee maker sniff a bag of Old Holborn tobacco through a tube.

The company bills its machine, which has applications in a wide SMALI range of industries BUSINESS including food and brewing, as the world's first electronic nose. It also proudly points out that, last

month, the apparatus (which goes by the same name as the company) was one of five finalists in a competition sponsored by the Prince of Wales to find the most innovative new British technology of the year.

Using a tiny silicon chip imbedded with 32 different polymer sensors and running data through a small comput-er, the machine tells its audience just

what it thinks of Old Holborn. The analysis shows up in the form of a series of dots on a pair of two-dimensional graphs -- a representation of the scent's unique electronic fingerprint By refining the software - in essence, educating the machine - ArcmaScan claims its device can perform

tasks ranging from detecting tiny

amounts of foreign matter in wheat (a

useful task for bakers) to distinguish-

ing between various single-malt

Scotch whiskeys (an essential task for whiskey blenders). "It can tell you the difference be-

tween Glenfarclas and Glenlivet, between Kenyan coffee and Brazilian, between high roast and low." boasts Allan Syms, AromaScan's managing John Tomlinson, a research scientist

at Whitbread PLC, the British brewer, has been using the machine for more than a year. In fact, Whitbread has bought two of the devices and is using them to test everything from finished beers to the hops and barley that go into them. "There is no way it will replace the human nose, but it takes the onus away from human perception, which can be fickle,' said Dr. Tomlinson.

More to the point, Whitbread is experimenting with the notion of replacing its traditional panel of tasters in one of its breweries with the machine. If the AromaScan's charts showed any anomaly in a day's batch of beer, the humans could quickly be summoned for their assessment. That, however, would take five tasters as long as 20 minutes, compared with the

20 seconds it takes the machine. AromaScan, which has about 50 employees, sold 20 of its machines last year, at \$50,000 each. Customers ranged from Kellogg Co., the American cereal maker, to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. This year AromaScan is shipping about four

machines per week. AromaScan is a new company, launched at the beginning of last year to commercialize the results of more than a decade of research led by Krisna Persaud at the University of Manchester's Institute of Science and Technology. The university scientists had origi-

AromaScan Is Betting That Its Nose Knows

nally called their machine the Odor Mapper and their enterprise, World of Odors. But businessmen brought in to carry out the commercialization of the project, led by Mr. Syms, quickly fastened on the more upbeat AromaScan moniker. Under that name, the company went public with a £12 million

Whitbread PLC is considering replacing its panel of human tasters with the machine in one brewery.

(\$18.8 million) share issue last August. In the six-month period ended last Oct. 31, AromaScan lost £819,000. "We fully expect to be in profit by the second half of '96," said Frederick Worth. the company's financial director. Upto-date results are due soon.

AromaScan's shares have also been tested. Issued at 100 pence, they fell to a low of 73.5 pence in January but have since rebounded to close at 82 pence on Friday in London.

Key to Mr. Syms's confidence is the huge array of purposes to which he sees the new technology being applied. While he plans to continue making equipment for laboratory-based tests, he also hopes to enter arrangements with licensees who might use the chips in everything from home appliances to production-line, quality-assurance devices. Indeed, he envisions his sensor

chips going into ovens that could "smell" when food was cooked, for example, and into refrigerators that could "sniff" when something was in danger of being in storage too long. To Mr. Syms, the nose is one of the most vital human organs. "Our nose is

constantly interacting with the envi-

ronment in which we live, telling us

whether it is safe or not, and healthy

or not," he said. Scientists have calculated that smell accounts for 90 percent of the human sense of taste. That is why brewers, for example, can contemplate substituting an electronic nose for a panel of human tasters. That is also why, says Mr. Syms, our mothers held our noses when administering foul-tasting cod-liver oil, or why a stuffed-up nose makes for

The human nose has 30 different types of sensors that can differentiate up to 10,000 aromas, Mr. Syms said. The tongue, he added, can only differentiate between four qualities: sweetness, sourness, bitterness and salti-

tasteless mealtimes.

The polymer-embedded chip which along with the AromaScan software are the only things the company actually makes itself - mimics the action of the human nose, Mr. Syms maintained. Different molecules in a smell sample effect the ability of the polymers to conduct electricity, and those effects are translated into the scent's electronic fingerprint.

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Schneider Gave Lesson on How to Elude Global Manhunt

New York Times Service

WIESBADEN, Germany -- Perhaps Nicholas Leeson, the young trader accused of bringing down Barings PLC, should have known more about Jurgen Schneider.

Mr. Leeson lost more than \$1 billion hedging positions that lost hundreds of hedging positions that lost hundreds of at Barings by making suphisticated trades in derivative financial instruments. Having fled Singapore before his losses were discovered, he was caught only days later at the Frankfurt airport.

in contrast, Mr. Schneider lost more than \$3 billion from the collapse of traditional real estate investments after he persuaded Germany's most sophisticated bankers to overfinance them.

As his losses came to light, Mr. Schneider and his wife vanished for 13

As such, Mr. Schneider provided an object lesson on how to chide an international manhant. More significantly, he showed how one person could deliberately exploit the financial possibilities in a bubble real estate market like that of Eastern Germany after reunification.

Unlike the Barings scandal, in which Mr. Leeson took little-understood millions of dollars in days, Mr. Schneider paid too much for propertics, spent too lavishly on improvements and did not have many tenants. So he kept his empire afloat by securing new loans from Germany's largest banks and allegedly falsifying rental documents. Annual losses of \$390 million went undetected until it was too

The collapse of his empire raised a Scineader and his wife vanished for 13 serious question about the big German months — until his surprising arrest in banks. Can they tend to their basic business of lending while they are su-

pervising other, unrelated businesses? The arrest of Mr. Schneider is likely to raise that question again.

Currently, German banks are permitted to hold big investments in multiple German companies and to hold seats on those companies' boards. "The banks are just beginning to say

their image is improving, that the pub-lic is thinking better of them, and this will throw a cloud over it all," a banking analyst in Frankfurt said.

But for now, the public is still trying to take in the fact that the "housing king" of Germany, known for his expensive suits and tuxedos, a toupee and a glamorous wife, has been reduced to the image they saw on television Friday - that of a nearly bald, older-looking man with a small mustache, dressed in shorts and a white sports shirt. He looked more like a Florida retiree than a Frankfurt socialite.

Mr. Schneider was arrested in down-

A schedule of this week's aconomic and financial events, compiled for the interna-

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Forecast: 4.8 billion Australian dollars, down from 7.9 billion in December quarter.

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Asia-Pacific

The Week Ahead: World Economic Calendar, May 22 - May 26

May 26 Hong Kong External trade for April, first-quarter economic report and first update of the gross domestic product and price forecasts for 1995.

Expected this week Frankfurt-German May preliminary cost of living. Forecast: Up 0.2 percent in month, up 2.2 percent in year. Also, March capital account.

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three-month average. Forecast: Down 0.1 percent in year. Also, April bank lending, April balance of payments.

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Copenhagen April consumer price in-dex. Forecast: Up 0.3 percent in month,

up 2.4 percent in yeer.
Frankfurt April producer price index.
Forecast: Unchanged in month, up 1.8

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• May 22 Paris March visible trade balance. Stockholm April trade balance. Fore-cast: 10.0 billion kroner surplus in month.

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dustrial production, Forecast: Up 11.5

percent in year, Earnings expected. Marks & Spencer, North West Water, Thorn EMI.

May 24 Copenhagen January-February trade balance.
London First-quarter gross domestic

Stockholm March retail sales.

Earnings expected Nedfloyd, Argyll Group, Courtaulds, Land Securities,

Bass, Cariton Communications.

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agents as he sat in a rented car outside a Germany was enduring its harshest bank. His wife, Claudia, was arrested 45 postwar recession. On April 6, Mr. minutes later at their high-rise apart-ment about 12 miles north of Miami.

"This was one of the hardest investi- for his health. pations, if not the hardest investigation, to conduct in the last 10 years of this agency's history," said Hans they traveled to Washington and on to Schmid, chief of investigations for the Florida, where they stayed in the apart-German Federal Police.

With a cultured manner and enormous self-confidence, the man who investigators say, the Schneiders began eventually became the largest real es- using false identifications and then tate magnate in Germany was able to woo almost any banker.

of his empire shook their heads at how cluded that 150 banks and businesses clear it was that his projects were too lavish and lacked enough tenants. To persuade banks to keep lending, police say, he falsified rental contracts and financial statements.

Americas

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New York "International Quality Stan-

regengmonal Quality Start-dards: The Practical impact on Brazilian Exports & Imports," a breaktest briefing sponsored by the Brazilian American Chamber of Commerce. Santiago Chile's central bank will re-lease the monthly indicator for economic activity for March. Outlook: Up 7 percent.

Santiago April trade. Earnings expected American Stores,

town Miami by FBI and German evident that he was in a cash squeeze as Schneider left Germany for Switzerland, citing the need to take a vacation

Thus began the 13-month flight. Within days his wife joined him, and

ment of a friend and business partner. But after a few days in Miami, police disappeared.

So had billions of dollars owed to Auditors who later studied the ruins scores of businesses. Auditors conwere owed more than \$3.6 billion.

So panicked were small companies about recovering their debts that they began to raid Schneider building sites, taking back equipment and building

• May 24 Washington April durable

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Washington National summit led by government and industry leaders, ori privatizing the U.S. Postal Service.

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New York Germany's stock, futures and options exchange, the Deutsche Borse, seminar on its products and offerings. Mexico City Mexico's central bank publishes its balance sheet.

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New York "Foreign Investment and Business Opportunities in Minas Gerals, Brazil" with the deputy governor of the state. Sponsored by the Brazilian American Chamber of Commerce.

Ottawa April consumer price Index.

• May 28 Washington April existing home sales.

Manington The Labor Department re-ports initial weekly state unemployment compensation insurance claims. Ottows March International transac-

none in securities.

Toronto Robert Hutchinson at law firm
Borden & Effot will speak about deriva-tives at a meeting sponsored by the To-ronto Society of Financial Analysts.

Vancouver International Metalworkers'

for two days to discuss organized labor

and postocs.

Toronto A group of business and government officials from Malta with speak at a meeting sponsored by the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Toronto.

Earnings expected Hudson's Bay, National Bank of Canada, Toronto-Dominion

May 26 Washington Minutes from the Federal Open Market Committee

meeting released.

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Ann Arbor, Mich. The University of

Ann Arbor, Mich. The University of Michigan releases its final consumer sentiment index for May.

Sao Paulo Inflation for 30-day period enting May 24.

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ing as chairmen of the committee consid-ering constitutional amendment propos-als for privatization.

and politics.

The agreement, reached late Friday, covers 90,000 workers in the states of North Rhine-Westphalia, Lower Saxony and Bremen, where most of the industry is concentrated. They will receive a 155 Deutsche mark (\$107) bonus in their May pay packets and a 4 percent wage increase beginning in June.
The powerful IG Metall trade union, which went into the

pace of economic growth.

negotiations demanding a 6.5 percent wage increase, had provoked a series of stoppages to protest against the employers' original offer of a 2.9 percent rise. Harald Schartau, an IG Metall official, said both sides would begin talks soon on increasing the number of apprenticeships in the industry, which he alleged had fallen by 40 percent in recent years.

SHORT COVER

SEOUL (AFP) - Brisk exports and heavy investment helped

"South Korea's economy grew 9.9 percent in the first quarter.

boosted by an increase in exports and brisk industrial invest-

ment," said Han Yi-Hon, a senior presidential secretary. Mr. Han

voiced concern about a snowballing balance-of-payments deficit but said the government would need no special steps to adjust the

South Korea's current-account deficit swelled in the first quar-

BONN (AFP) - Unions and employers of the German iron

and steel industry have reached agreement on new wage rates for

ter of this year to \$3.75 billion from \$2.16 billion in the like period

German Steelworkers Get Pay Raise

most of their 105,000 workers in the former West Germany.

South Korea attain 9.9 percent economic growth in the first quarter of the year, the highest level in four years, a top policy-

maker was quoted as saying on Sunday.

Exports Spur South Korean Growth

Higher Prices Lift Italian Industry

ROME (Bloomberg) — Producer prices in Italy's industrial sector rose 1.3 percent in March from February and 7.5 percent from March 1994, the country's national statistics bureau said over the weekend. The increase, driven by higher prices for processed raw materials, was the largest since 1989 and was in line

with economists' expectations.

The data showed continued acceleration in prices since the annual rate bottomed at 3.0 percent in early 1994. Producer prices rose 1.1 percent in February, which put the year-to-year increase at 6.3 percent. For all of 1994, producer prices rose 3.8 percent. The report was the first of two indicators that were expected to show that Italy's inflation rate was increasing. A Monday report on consumer prices in Italy's nine largest cities was expected to

show that annual consumer inflation rose to 5.4 percent in May from 5.2 percent in April. Li Ka-shing Chooses Grand Cayman

HONG KONG (Reuters) — The Hong Kong tycoon Li Ka-

shing has chosen to deposit much of his personal fortune in the Cayman Islands, a Hong Kong newspaper said Sunday.
The South China Morning Post said that Mr. Li had chosen the

Caribbean tax haven as a base for newly created trusts holding his personal shares in his flagship property company. Cheung Kong Mr. Li had earlier said he would transfer the trusts out of the

British colony to save on inheritance taxes but had declined to say which jurisdiction had been selected. The newspaper said a search of the company registry had revealed that the three trusts were based at a post office box in Georgetown, Grand Cayman.

RWE Files Complaint Over Reactor FRANKFURT (Reuters) - The German electricity utility

RWE Energie AG said over the weekend that it had filed a legal complaint against the state government of Hesse for ordering it not to restart a nuclear reactor near Frankfurt. The Biblis B reactor was shut down in February after steam was

discovered leaking from a crack, but RWE said it had since met all safety requirements set by authorities. RWE informed the Hesse environment ministry that it intended to restart the reactor on Friday night but the ministry immediately issued an order disallowing the move.

Reprieve Seems Near For Orange County

COSTA MESA, California the jittery municipal finance — Orange County was about to market in the United States, close a deal over the weekend which, since the county's Dethat would postpone repayment of nearly \$1 billion in short-issued repeated, loud warnings term debt for a year, averting a default that has threatened to brand one of America's wealthiest counties a deadbeat bor-

Bondholders met with county representatives Friday in Los Angeles to forge a settlement that — even though it would offer a welcome reprieve to the bankrupt county government -would cost the county nearly a percentage point in interest, at a price of over \$9 million.

"It is not concluded, but we believe there will be an agreement by early next week," said

holders of \$1 billion in short-term notes coming due this summer, added: "I think we're gin flowing to the county until close."

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An agreement would calm that every issuer of municipal debt in California — and perhaps beyond — would pay a premium and suffer lingering consequences if Orange County

Negotiating the \$1 billion debt rollover was one key element of a financial recovery plan that also relied on the new revenues that would be generated if yoters approved Measure R, the half-cent sales tax increase that will be on a June 27 ballot, county officials said.

Orange County's chief executive, William Popejoy.

Skip Victor, of Chanin & Co., a financial adviser to a group of county creditors that includes the property of the bandholders, and all the other pool participants," Mr. Popejoy and If the measure passed the

USAir Seals Concessions With the Last of Its Unions

By Frank Swoboda

WASHINGTON - USAN Group Inc. has agreed with the Association of Fight Attendants to transmillions of dollars a year from the union's confinct; sidering the way for the financially troubled airline to out its labor costs by \$2.5 billion over the next

The flight attendants' mion, with 8,300 members, was the last rule concessions. USAn had to reach agreement with its unions before it could seek shareholder concessions as part of a broad financial rescue package needed to assure the airline's survival.

USAir executives warned that all of the union agreements must

still be approved by the membership — which could take weeks and that the concessions were contingent upon approval by USAir's board and stockholders.

After the contract clies are approved by the union membership, USAir must then try to restructure the financial terms of its

publicly held preferred stock.

Two of USAir's major preferred shareholders are British Airways PIC, which owns 24 is percent of the company, and the billionaire investor Warren Ruffett, who owns 13 percent. Both have the power to scuttle the deal.

LLOYD'S: Settlement Expected

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Lloyd's insurance syndicate. In fact one of the greatest challenges facing Lloyd's this week is the feeling in the industry that it must solve not just one set of problems but all of them.

"The problems are all interlinked," said William Lewis, a director at Minories Underwriting Agencies, a Lloyd's agency.
"I don't think Lloyd's will come up with a magic wand solution but I do hope they can come up with a plan in principle."

One of the trickiest and most plan will simply be something of which Lloyd's is conspicu-ously short at present — cash. A settlement with litigating Names could be one source, in that Names - provided they were still solvent - would then be expected to abandon their or loss on its business.

legal battles and pay off their debts to syndicates.

Another could be a widely expected levy on both corporations and Names currently underwriting in the market. A third source would be the market's institutions themselves.

"Lloyds' brokers and agents have to be prepared to dig very deeply into their own pockets and to make a very positive contribution," said Charles Sturge, an analyst at Chatset, a company that monitors the British insurance industry. He essential ingredients to such a pegged the likely sum at £500 million.

To try to claw some of those profits into efforts to escape its present problems, Lloyds is also expected soon to announce that it will end its practice of waiting three years to realize the profit

long yields, rising inflation expectations and exchange-rate

FRANC: A Vote Against Chirac

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uncertainty," she said. She noted that "the natural target for the Ecu against the franc would be a return to the

1992 level - previous to the devaluations of sterling and the lira — in the area of 6.9. All things being equal, this is equivalent to a rate of 3.74 francs per mark." The mark finished Friday at 3.5469 francs and the Ecu finished at 6.6153 francs.

Avinash Persaud at J. P. Morgan & Co. in London argued that "by revealing that there is a price too high to be paid for keeping the franc's link with the mark there is a danger that any new arrangement, however un-ambitious, will lack credibility."

In his view, the changed anchor would give the franc the status of a loser, falling with the mark in the event the dollar strengthened and falling with the dollar if the mark rallied.

Ms. Perez said she saw the franc remaining under pressure, with the mark strengthening to 3.60 to 3.65 francs, and a continued widening of the risk premium pushing the differential in long-term government bonds to

She also warned that the expected French mini-budget to be announced in mid-summer probably would "reveal a a much sharper deterioration in

public finances for the year to would likely be lost to higher date than is generally expected." but it also would probably raise the risk premium investors demand to hold long-term debt.

In short, the economic impact of a possible decline in official short-term rates would probably be offset by a rise in long-term, bond-market interest rates which would be equivalent to France shooting itself in the foot since officials have argued that low long-term rates, rather than short-term rates, are the key to increasing business activity.

Joanne Perez at Banque Indosuez concurred. "The economic advantages of lower short rates

Black Market Returns to Iran

Agence France-Press TEHRAN - The govern-ment's closure of freely fluctuating foreign-exchange markets on Sunday immediately led to the creation of a black market where the dollar significantly exceeded a government ceiling against the rial, Iran's currency.

The government on Thursday said the open foreign-exchange markets would be closed and 30 basis point over German rates that the dollar would trade at a from the current spread of 64 maximum 3,000 rials through basis points. dollar was changing hands at 7,000 rials just a week ago.

> On the black markets Sunday, the dollar traded between 4,200 rials and 4,300 rials.

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Close -

Penguins Roll On, Beating Devils in Opener

they'd make it with guys named Ian shot off Brodeur's glove hand. Moran, Drake Berehowsky and Norm Maciver.

Luc Robitaille left open by a poor line change by the visiting New Jersey Devils, scored the tie-breaking goal with 1:16 left, and Ken Wregget outplayed first-round goaltending star Martin Brodeur to give the depleted Penguins a 3-2 victory Satur-Conference semifinals.

Robitaille and Ron Francis scored on shots off Brodeur's glove and Wregget, with mostly reserve defensemen protecting him, turned away several dead-on shots while making 27 saves as the Penguins won their fourth straight game.

Robitaille, left unprotected as the run wouldn't include Mario Le- off Jim Dowd's stick, took Murphy's mieux. What they never guessed was lead pass and bounced a three-foot

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"They made a lot of great plays, but we didn't break down," said

NHL PLAYOFFS

Wregget, who has allowed only three goals in his last three games.

The Penguins won a Game 1 for the first time in their last four playoff day night in Game 1 of the Eastern series, and without first-line defensemen Ulf and Kjell Samuelsson. In their place was Berehowsky and

Moran, who spent most of the season in the minors. Maciver not only set up Francis's goal, he kept a shot by Claude Lemieux from going in after the backhander had flipped over Wregget's shoulder.

Kirk McLean stopped 41 shots — 25 nucks advanced to the second round, where they will play Chicago.

The Canucks won for the third time at the new Kiel Center, where St. Louis finished the season on a 13-3-1 run, and made Keenan a Game 7 loser for the first time in five games. His New York Rangers beat the Canucks, 3-2, in Game 7 of the Cup finals last June.

Cliff Ronning had a goal and an assist for the Canucks, who were outshot by 44-22 but scored on two of their first three shots and four of

their first 12. Three goals came from the Canucks' special teams, one a record-setting sixth shorthanded goal in the series by Pavel Bure.

Blackhawks 5, Maple Leafs 2: Chi-The Pittsburgh Penguins knew for Devils changed lines at the same time months that their next Stanley Cup Larry Murphy was stealing the puck couver got even with Mike Keenan as and Patrick Poulin broke open a in the second period — and the Ca- close game with goals 26 seconds apart in the third period.

Murphy added an empty-net goal for the Blackhawks, who became only the ninth team in NHL history to win a best-of-7 series after dropping the first two games at home.

Sharks 5, Flames 4: Ray Whitney scored at 1:54 of the second overtime as San Jose pulled off another firstround shocker.

Last year, the Sharks upset the For the Record heavily favored Detroit Red Wings, whome they will now play in the second round,

SIDELINES

Ballesteros Wins in Spanish Open

MADRID (AP) - Seve Ballesteros led a Spanish sweep of the first three places in the Spanish Open, struggling to 1-under-par 71 Sunday to finish two strokes ahead of José Rivero and Ignacio Carrido for his third victory in the event but first on the European

tour this year. Ballesteros opened with three straight bogeys and shot 38 on the front nine. But he picked up three birdies on the back nine, the last on the 18th hole, and said, "I think this round took five years off

• Vijay Singh, unable to defend his title at the Buick Classic last year because of back problems, shot 4-under-par 67 to take a onestroke lead over Bobby Wadkins into Sunday's last round in Harrison, New York.

Evander Holyfield, the two-time champion, successfully took a first step back into the heavyweight title picture with a unanimous 10-round decision over Ray Mercer in Atlantic City. (AP)

Wade Flaherty played a remarkable game in goal for the Sharks, making 56 saves as his team was outshot, 60-30.

Two spectators were killed and more than 30 seriously injured when a car overturned and smashed through a barrier during a European Mountain Championship race in northern Portugal.

(Reuters)

For Wales, the Welcome Is Curt, the Flight Long

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BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa -The Weish rugby team's manager, Jeff Evans, was not happy Sunday with World Cup organizers in the wake of Saturday's opening ceremonies.

"The event was very reasonable but it was a very long day," said Evans. "From Bloemfontein to Cape Town is about an hour and a half direct by air, but it took us about three and three-quarter hours to get there and about the same to get back." That was because the flight to Cape Town went via Durban, where it picked up the England and Argentina squark. The return flight took the same route.

Welsh humor was not improved when the pilot warmly welcomed both the England and Argentinian teams, and wished them good luck, but apparently forgot that Wales was even on board.

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CALGARY 9 7 9 9-4
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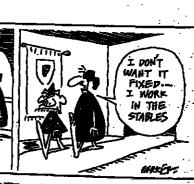




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But Because of Injury, Future Is Still Unclear

MILANELLO, Italy — Although his future is still uncertain, Marco Van Basten, the long-injured Dutch striker of Europe her long-injured Dutch striker of Europe h The Associated Press an soccar champion AC Milan, has had his contract extended through June 1996. It would have run out next month.

"We really hope he can return," AC Milan's managing director, Adriano Gal-liani, said Saturday, "There are some posi-tive signals from the doctors."

The 30-year-old center-forward, sidelined since May 1993 with an ankle injury that has needed three operations, said he had no definite plans for the future "because I'm going through a delicate period, in which you can just think, hope, to resume as a professional player.

"I'm prepared, psychologically, for re-tirement. But I don't feel beaten yet," he said as teammates practiced for Wednes-day's Champions' Cup final against Ajax of Amsterdam, his former club.

The Milan club, which is owned by the media tycoon and former premier Silvio Berlusconi, had first announced a that news conference for Van Basten would be held Saturday. It then postponed it until after the Cup final. No reason was given for this change in plans.

Van Basten had his latest checkup at a Belgian clinic on Wednesday. Team doctors said the biggest problem has been the slowness of ankle cartilage to re-form.

"Right now I am suffering from a tendon inflammation, but doctors say it's a minor problem," Van Basten said.

A three-time winner of the award as European player of the year, he has received almost the entire amount of his yearly contract -estimated at \$1.8 million - while he has been injured.

· Paul Gascoigne, the talented but injury-prone English player, will be sold at the end of this season with two years still left on his contract, the Rome club Lazio said. Sergio Cragnotti, the Italian industrialist-financier who owns the first division club, said Lazio was considering several bids and that a deal should be wrapped up in a few weeks.

Gascoigne himself came close to tears Saturday as he read a statement in Italian to Italian media in which he said, "I don't know if I'll play in Italy, Scotland, England or with the national team next year. I

land or with the national team next year. I don't know if I'll play again. Maybe I won't play any longer. Cragnotti, indicating that Cascagne is likely to join a British team, said. Paulmust find himself as a man and as a player, and can do it only by relating home. Chelsea, Aston Ville, Glaggor Rangers and Leeds are known to have made bids of as much as \$7.2 million for Cascoagne.

Van Basten Gets South Africa's 90-Kilometer Race for Camaraderie and Hope

By Ian Thomsen

International Herald Tribune

DURBAN, South Africa - The white



President Nelson Mandela and the women's winner, Maria Bak of Germany.

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man had run 50 miles through the green valleys of South Africa. He was a panting. wobbly wreck. The white-sand beaches and exclusive resort hotels of Durban lay just ahead, but first he would have to pound along the freeway overlooking the shanty houses of dismantled crates and green vinyl roofs, with their African residents lining the roads in waiting for him.

The police on their motorbikes had to clear a path for him, to protect him from the masses. He found himself running faster among them. This was because the Indians, the Africans, they all acted as if they wanted to . . . hug him. From behind it was hard to all they were shouting, but he could hear most of the words.

"They were calling my name." he said. "It was such a boost for me."

That was how Shaun Meiklejohn, a 33year-old former manager of a sporting goods store, won the biggest and most be-loved race in South Africa — the 90-kilometer Comrades Marathon, which is longer than two normal marathons. He won it Saturday in 5 hours, 34 minutes, 2 seconds.

It began at 6 A.M. with more than 13,000 runners, representing all of South Africa's races, standing in the dark and cold, a half-moon directly overhead and mynah birds squawking madly in the trees along the floodlit starting line. From Pie-

four years for refusing to take a last week's national trials that drug test, gained early reinthey failed to qualify for the they failed to qualify for the

World Championships in Swe-den, the official Xinhua News Agency reported from Taiyuan. The one who did qualify, world women's 10,000-meter champion Wang Junxia, won the 5,000-meter race on Thursday, but in a slow time, then pulled out of the 10,000-meter final on Saturday with an injury to her left leg.

Liu Dong, the world 1,500meter champion in Germany two years ago, finished 16th in an 800-meter heat Saturday. Wang and the other members

of the once-formidable "Ma's Army team of distance runners left its coach, Ma Junren, earlier this year, saying he was too harsh. They have been

training by themselves. Xinhua described their times at the trials in northern Shanxi

home town, the runners stumbled and flowed down into the hish southeast coastline, finishing, those who did, in the heavy heat of this resort city on the Indian Ocean.

Next year, as always, the race will change direction. The 90 kilometers will be run inland and uphill, to a height of 824 meters above sea level.

Meiklejohn, who quit his job last year to devote himself to winning this race, got \$12,500 for doing so the first year prize money has been awarded, and for that he was done before noon. Thousands more would struggle to the finish within the 11bour deadline of 5 P.M. By then it had become a challenge of comraderie. Two white men could be seen carrying a black man across the finish line just before the gun signaling the deadline went off. There were many such scenes.

The Comrades Marathon was founded in 1921 by 34 veterans of World War I who decided to run the 90 kilometers to Durban in honor of comrades who never made it home. No one imagined then that the definition of "comrades" would change so radically, bearing such hope. Men of color had been running the course decades before the great war, carrying newspapers to Durban; they probably had been responsible for building the road. But they wouldn't be permitted to enter the race officially for more than 50 years.

"We ran by ourselves behind them," said Victor Mthembu, 43, an African who ran his first Comrades, unofficially, in 1968. "At that time we were scared to maybe go in front of someone. You had to get someone to bring you forward, to say it's all right for you to run with them or in front of them. If not, maybe then the police might pull you off, say you were doing something wrong."

Only after South Africa was excluded from the Olympics in 1964, leading to a worldwide boycott in all sports, did the Comrades become the country's top sport-ing event. One million people were estimated to be lining the course, with another 3 million watching the 11 hours of live TV

"It was because of apartheid," said Linda Barron, the marathon's executive direc-"The Comrades thrived in the isolation period because it was the one rallying point for the entire nation. It was the first sporting event that said it will be multiracial.

The government was coerced into recognize the Comrades as an "international" event in 1975, allowing for runners of color. Women were also invited to run for the first time.

"The thing that was ghastly that year was that black runners were required to be identified by their ethnicity," Barron said. "Zulus had to run with Zulus and so on. The irony was that they ran out of the various ethnic minority stickers and ended (AP. Reuters) up saying, You, you'll be a Zulu today,

just mixing them up left and right. After that they never tried that system again."

Only two Africans have won the race, the breakthrough made by Sam Shabalala in 1989; before he could defend his title, a car accident left him in a coma for several weeks, and donations arrived from throughout the country. On Saturday, he finished the 90 kilometers, though out of contention. The other African champion, Jetman Msutu, was awarded the title in 1992 after the first man across the finish line was disqualified for taking an illegal cold medicine.

Though Africans dominate the other distance races here, they lack the resources to assert themselves in the Comrades, which has been rated among the world's top 10 races by Runner's World magazine. The end of the international boycott has seen the arrival of dominant foreign runners: Alberto Salazar of the United States won it last year, and the victory Saturday in the women's race by Maria Bak of Germany was lauded by President Nelson Mandela as a sign of South Africa's in-creasing role in world sport.

For native runners like Mthembu, the 90 kilometers is a mere expression of daily hardship. He rode the train all day Thursday from Johannesburg and slept that night in the train station. He and several friends planned to sleep Friday night as best they could in a public park before taking a bus Saturday morning to the start line. "There are a lot of people doing that, trying to sleep in the parks before the race," he said.

After running 90 kilometers on two nights of bad sleep, he said, "I will swim in the ocean and use the shower on the beach. Then I will go to the train station and wait for the 9 o'clock train overnight to Johannesburg.

He described this without complaining about it. His country is facing enormous problems, but for this one day it gathered itself to conquer an impossible distance. While most of the great marathons are generally urban, winding through the manmade corridors of Boston or New York, this one roams for hours along a rolling countryside of intimidating beauty. Every hill climbed reveals three more hills in the distance. The people lining the course are a steady mixture of color, mostly cheering for everybody, and no runner has the energy to object to their presence. In fact, every runner needs them.

"It's a great leveler," said Athol Dand, a white systems manager from Durban run-ning his 16th Comrades. "It reduces you to your basic elements. If you come in full of nonsense, you get rid of it quick in this

Then, as if to prove his point, he collapsed. "I need an intravenous drip," he teld a volunteer as the stretcher came. "I need one every time I run here."

Athens Gets World Championships

GOTHENBURG, Sweden - Athens was chosen Sunday to host the 1997 world outdoor championships for athletics.

The 23-member Council of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, on the first day of a three-day meeting, picked the Greek capital ahead of Madrid, Helsinki, New Delhi and Stanford, California.

Athens will replace Mexico City, which withdrew as host earlier this year because of the country's financial problems.

Madrid was considered the The court ordered that favorite going in, primarily be-Krabbe, a sought-after cause of its new Community of model in Germany before Madrid track stadium and oththe suspension, be paid er facilities. It had been felt the damages for the loss of in-IAAF would be reluctant to come she suffered. Reporthave Athens host both the indoor and outdoor world chamedly, that could amount to pionships in the same year. The IAAF has said it will

Earlier, John Ngugi of Kenya, the five-time world cross country champion banned for tance runners fared so poorly in

In a unanimous decision, the

council said the 33-year-old runner had "suffered enough." It agreed that Ngugi had been the victim of circumstance and placed part of the blame on the Kenyan federation for not keeping the runner informed about doping procedures. Ngugi, who also won the 1988 Olympic 5,000-meter gold,

statement from the council.

was suspended after he turned away an IAAF sampling officer at his farm in Kenya on Feb. 13, 1993. Ngugi, who speaks little English, claimed the British officer did not identify himself properly.

Seven days later, Ngugi submitted to a test in the presence of Kenyan officials. The results were negative.

• All but one of China's world champion women dis-

province as "unbelievably poor

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Krabbe Gives

Birth to Boy

BERLIN - Just three

days after a Munich region-

al court overturned her

drug ban, sprinter Katrin Krabbe gave birth to a boy

She and her husband, the

lawyer Michael Zimmer-

man, named the child Bru-

Krabbe tested positive for clenbuterol in 1992 and

has fought the ban ever

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LANGUAGE

Grotesquerie in a Separate Box

By William Safire

Washing on — boxes ASHINGTON — Speak-Metaphorically, every day is list of current corporate catch its popularization is a fine con-Boxing Day to Newt. (In phrases assembled in the Nov. tribution to the American po-Britain, the first weekday after 4, 1994, Management maga-Christmas is called Boxing zine, thinking out of the box can Day, after the tradition of giv- be defined as "creating new ing boxes of gifts to servants and public employees.)

'Medicare will be put in a separate box," he recently told a group of elders called the Seniors Coalition, a conservative processes, insuring a rhyme.) part of what is derogated as the Geezer Lobby.

grich box: a device to separate and protect. Earlier this year, he was using the box in another sense, more creatively, as his central idea-packaging device:
"Speaker Newt Gingrich,

fond as ever of futuristic management consultant-speak." wrote the Washington Post columnist E.J. Dionne Jr., "addressed the Ways and Means Committee last week on the importance of thinking outside the dots.' This maxim is also often rendered as 'thinking outside the box.' The idea is to encourage people to junk their

lated. A brain teaser used in could lead to wholesale delay-1984 by Development Dimen- ering. sions International management consultants, showed eight dots forming a square, or box. with a dot in the middle.

"Without lifting your pencil from the paper," the teaser went, "join all the dots with only four straight lines.'

To connect the dots," wrote DDI's Nancy Hrynkiw to Anne Soukhanov, an inquiring no distortion, no dishonesty too lexicographer, "you must go outside the nine dots, but most people automatically think that they have to stay within the nine

dots or outside the box, grotesque and offensive." Hrynkiw explains, means thinking about a problem

without the constraints that French form, preferred by Gin-'how things are now' someup in boxes, times imposes." According to a processes, not just refining old "However, challenging your bosses processes is risky." (I

This sort of iconoclastic creativity in solution-seeking, also That's one sense of the Gin- called what-if thinking, is the second sense of the Gingrich box.

third means "disciplined": when the speaker temporarily departed from the 10 points in his Contract With America, raising the issue of school prayer early this year, he quickly realized it to be a mistake and chided himself for going outside the box.

In this sense, a box is a plan. sometimes described as a core message; to go outside the box is to slop over, to lose focus. There is a seeming contradiction here: to think outside the box is laudable, but to go out-The dots and the box are re- side the box invites censure, and

> "They will do anything to stop us," the irate speaker said to the Republican National Committee in January, referring to Democrats in the aftermath of Republican election victories. "They will use any tool. There is no grotesquerie,

Months later, when a reporter suggested a link between criticism of the government and the Oklahoma bombing, Gingrich Thus. thinking outside the stayed in the box: "Ithink that's

Both the adjective grotesque and its noun (grotesquerie, the grich to grotesqueness) spring readily to the speaker's lips, and litical vocabulary.

It begins in a cave. From the Latin crypta for "crypt, cavern." we get to the Italian grotformulas." The magazine adds: to: the drawings on the walls were grotesco, in French grotesque. Archaeologists rewould write that as bosses's vealing the grotto work found processes, insuring a rhyme.) the art wildly formed. whimsical and extravagant.

The Century Dictionary added 'absurdly bold; often used in a sense of condemnation or depreciation," and cited this line in John Milton's "Paradise Lost" in 1667: "A steep wilderness, whose hairy sides/ With thicket overgrown. grotesque and wild./ Access de-

(Funny that access denied comes from Milton; it's an infuriating phrase that appears at the top of my computer screen when I try to call up a file and forget my code name. You of-ten get wonderful stuff like this in the Century Dictionary, a 10volume set published in 1897. From a description of the

wild and woolly paintings on the cave walls, it was a short jump to "fantastic, antic, com-ically distorted," and then to "ugly, deformed, misshapen, twisted' and altogether 'bizапе.''

Because the word begins with the sound of a growl, it should have a greater appeal to orators than bizarre, a popular synonym that has a connotation of nuttiness; the connotation of grotesque is "extremely distorted and ugly."

In Britain, the slang term grotty - usually followed by the sound of "vecch!" - may be derived from grotesque. New York Times Service

Rocking the Socks Off the Harmonica

By Mike Zwerin International Herald Tribune

PARIS — Growing up in Harlem, James Whiting bought a harmonica because he could not afford a sax-ophone. "This James Whiting stuff isn't going to cut it," his blues brother Slim Butler said, after they'd been working the streets for awhile. "How about something like Harmonica Sam?" Watching him pour three sugars in a cup of coffee in the Gaslight Café, the light went on and he said:

'We'll call you Sugar Blue.''
Although "Sugar Blue, who plies his tunes in Greenwich Village, may be the best itinerant musician in New York," was written in Time magazine under the headline "Street Entertainment," it wasn't much of a living. Pedestrians threw beer bottles at him and Washboard Doc on McDougal Street. Late one night in the Village Gate, Memphis Slim, who was to become a kind of mentor for Sugar, sold him on moving to Paris. The blues were being good to Slim over here, he was driving a Rolls-

Last week, when Sugar gave his first concert in Paris in 11 years at the New Morning, it was an important date for him. He felt at home. His wife Michèle is French and when they landed, their four-year-old daughter Sarah said: "Daddy, parle françuis, on est en France maintenant." "If it hadn't been for France." Sugar recalled, "I'd have probably spent most of my life in

When he landed here for the first time in 1977, he was - his words - "a wild child, out of my mind, very lost." He had recently been discharged from the army and had buried both his parents. But he fondly remembers the friendly passengers going through the Odéon Métro station as he "counted centimes and dodged flics." He could make more than \$100 in an afternoon down there (he turned down club dates, they paid

It became an underground event, the press picked up on it. Harmonica virtuoso Toots Thielemans encouraged him to learn the difficult chromatic harmonica (like Stevie Wonder plays). Sugar jammed with Dexter Gordon. for three years with the legendary com-Mick Jagger heard about him through a poser Willie Dixon ("Little Red Roost-nails."



Sugar Blue: He's come a long way from playing in the Paris Métro.

film producer called Cubby Broccoli er"). An album he made with Dixon and Sugar ended up on three tracks of "Some Girls," an album the Rolling utation as a troublemaker got worse. Stones were recording here. It had been a possible four years, although word a drug problem at the time. My eyes

spread that he was a hot-head. Having talked him over here. Memphis Slim now advised him to move back. "Go to Chicago and learn about the blues," he said. "You're a good harmonica player, but you don't know anything about the blues." That, Sugar said, "rocked my socks."

There was not much fire in Chicago. do was lay back and be ethnic for the tourists, who were coming for the blues help from his friends. He worked with Lafayette Leake and Little Walter and

were usually as big as two half-dollars. But people believe what they want to believe and club owners were ripping me off right and left and I wouldn't stand for being stiffed." You can see his blood pressure rise just recalling it: "One night, man, I guess I was good and lit, the owner of the Polish Pizza Parlor and Blues Joint -- you believe The local players figured all they had to that name? — a little fat guy, was telling me 'here's a thousand bucks, we'll mail you a check for the balance." like to New Orleans for jazz. Sugar had to push for motivation. He got a little and I needed all the money to get to the next gig." Trying hard to look calm, he leaned back, pulled out his switchblade

When he married Michèle and they had Sarah, he "began having another kind of fun, like nucking my daughter in bed at night." Even a 10-year-old Stones credit is big with white rock bands; he recorded with the Waterboys and the Fish. Making Pillsbury conmercials paid the tent and he watched the quality of life deteriorate around

He saw the growth of "a great racist monster hiding euphemistically not too far under the surface of Family Val-"He had a Japanese guitar player and a white drummer and even though they were always "presentable and non-threatening," restaurants in states like Wyoming and North Dakota refused to serve the band. He had thought that was a Southern problem and that Billie Holiday had already fought the good fight and won it.
On the music scene inelf, compe-

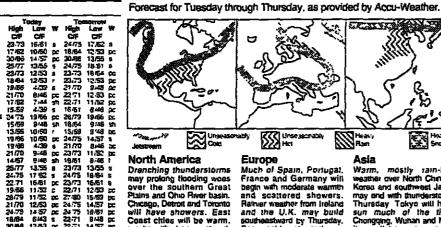
tition was cutthroat, everybody against everybody, people digging in to defend their territory. Black guys wouldn't play with white guys and vice versa. And there was this strange son of reverse snobbism where if you didn't drink and smoke, that made you some. how a better musician. Not that cigarenes and whiskey are necessary to make good music, but one way or another there sure seemed to be a lot of upright people around.

The Whitings purchased a two-story

brick house with a basement and a lawn in a neighborhood with blacks, Lai-nos, Ukrainians and Poles living more or less peacefully side-by-side not far from Wrigley Field. There was a crack house down the street and a girl was shot coming home from class in broad daylight just around the corner. Does he want to send his daughter to school in a war zone? He wrote a song called "Bottom Line" with the lines: "You walk on these streets with blood on your hands / The neighborhood feels like Little Rock or Vietnam."

It may be time to get out of Dodge City again. Even though he's 45, he's still considered one of the "younger generation of blues musicians. There's still time. And as Little Walter told him: "You got to look out for Chicago. It's like a hungry dog eating its tail. By the time he's finished his meal he's up to his neck."

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An Eccentric Publisher Snares Nobel Winners

By Mary B.W. Tabor New York Times Service

NEW YORK -- As Kenzaburo Oe, winner of the 1994 Nobel Prize in Literature, puttered in and out of bookstores and receptions in New York and Boston recently, on tour with his novel Nip the Buds, Shoot the Kids," his main "Nip the Buds, Snoot are raise, and short was not one of the powerhouse cess.

"No one was buying Oe at the time,"
"No one was buying Oe at the time," ally claim Nobel winners.

petite, older woman with thick dark eyebrows, a brunette bob and a British accent, whose publishing ventures have been as unconventional as she is. Nonetheless, Marion Boyers Publishing puts out about 25 books a year, including works by Oe and three other Nobel laureates. In the case of Oe, in the 1960s and '70s several publishers, including Grove Press, M.E. Sharpe and Kodansha, published his works in En-

glish, but the books sold only moderately. So early last year, Boyars was not surprised to find herself the lone suitor for the English-language rights to "Nip the Buds," the story of Japanese reformatory boys at the end of a war, and "Hiroshima Notes," Oe's statement on the Hiroshima British or American authors is usually unbomb. Ten months later, Oe won the Normalistic. "The moment I try to compete" bel, all but guaranteeing commercial suc-

because he wasn't going to be a best seller." Instead, the soft-spoken and graying Oe Boyars said during an interview in Manwas accompanied by Marion Boyars, a hattan. "It was sheer chance, just sheer Nobel. We bought it because we liked it. Most of my publishing is out of enthu-

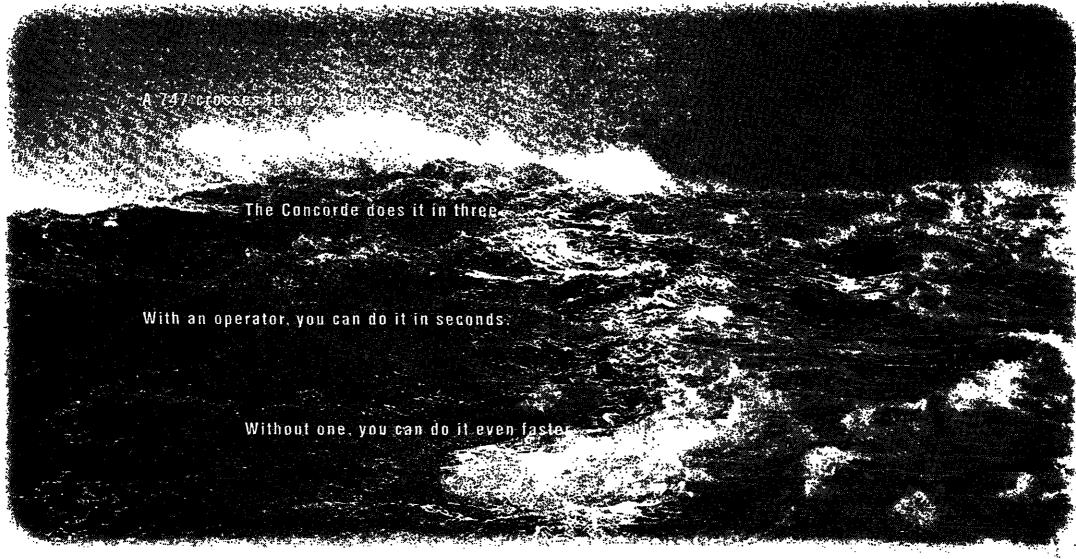
It clearly isn't out of fiscal prudence. Her first Oe book, for example, "Teach Us to Outgrow Our Madness" (1978), sold a mere 500 copies, failing to earn back its modest advance. Still, she eagerly bought two more. (Blue Moon Books is publishing two Oe of work to survive.)

books in translation, "Seventeen" and "J," this fall.)

An average prim run for Marion Boyars Publishing is 3,000 copies. (John Grisham's first print run for "The Rainmaker" was 2.8 million.) And competing for the bigger publishers always have more she moans.

Unlike many American publishers, who bridle at pursuing foreign authors in translation, Boyars, who speaks French and hattan. "It was sheer chance, just sheer German, says that the overlooked books chance. We weren't thinking in terms of and translations are often her gems.

Morgan Entrekin, president and publisher of Grove/Atlantic, the parent of Grove Press, said: "Marion is the last of a dying breed of eccentric, entrepreneurial, idiosyncratic publishers who publishes her passions I have a lot of respect for her that she has hung in there for so long. It is very hard for a publishing program built entirely of this kind



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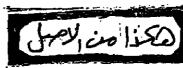
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Indians Sweep Up « Red Sox, 12-10

Carlos Baerga and Paul Sorrento each homered twice, as the Cleveland Indians rallied against Boston's bullpen for the for a 12-10 victory.

The Indians trailed 9-6 before tying it in the eighth on Sorrento's second home run of the game, then won it in the ninth when Baerga led off with double and scored on Jim

The loss spoiled a nice debut for former replacement player

AL ROUNDUP

Ron Mahay, who had two hits and made a great catch in the ninth that kept Baerga from scoring — albeit temporarily.

drive to the right-center gap that Mahay reached out and caught at waist level. But Bacrga scored, along with Eddie Murray, when Manny Ra-

mirez singled to make it 12-9. Mo Vaughn hit his major league-leading 11th home run in the fourth, and Mike Greenwell and Tim Nachring also homered for Boston.

Yankees 5, Orioles 0: Sterling Hitchcock pitched a fourhitter for the first shutout of his career, as New York beat Baltimore. Hitchcock struck out a career-high eight and walked one to win his second straight

Rafael Palmeiro singled twice straight game, tying a team refor the visiting Orioles. Cal Rip- cord, but Jay Buhner hit two after Palmeiro's single in the a road victory for Seattle fourth, but Chris Hoiles flied out

to end the imning.
Randy Velarde's first homer run fifth against Ben McDonald. McDonald, winless in his first five starts, allowed five

runs and 10 hits in 5% innings. Mariners 5, Twins 2: Unbeaten Randy Johnson struck out 10 without walking a batter, and Seattle held off Minnesota. Johnson gave up two runs on

five hits in eight innings. He has a 1.21 ERA and leads the maiors with 49 strikeouts Minnesota's Marty Cordova

had his string of consecutive games with a home run stopped at five, three short of the major league record. Cordova struck out twice and was hit by a pitch. Cordova's five-game streak

cord. The string also matched a team mark set by Harmon Killebrew in 1970.

Minnesota tied the same in the third on a leadoff double by David McCarty and a single by Jeff Reboulet. But Johnson retired nine consecutive batters after that to take control. The Twins closed to 3-2 in

the seventh on Pedro Munoz's leadoff home run. Tigers 2, Blue Jays 1: Detroit, held without a hit for five in-

nings by Al Leiter, scored two runs off reliever Danny Cox with the help of three pinch-hitters to defeat visiting Toronto.

Despite having a no-hitter in progress, Leiter was pulled in favor of Cox after five innings. Leiter had thrown 93 pitches and walked six.

Juan Samuel led off the seventh with a single, stole second and, after a walk to pinch-hitter Franklin Stubbs, moved to third on a fly-out by pinch-hit-

All-Star Game La Assured

The Associated Press NEW YORK — The players have agreed to take part in this summer's All-Star game after the teams' owners settled an unfair labor practice complaint

stemming from their not making a \$7.8 million benefits payment last summer. As part of Friday's agreement, owners said they will make an \$8.2 million payment io the benefits plan no later than June 1. They agreed to make the \$7.8 million payment for this summer's game on Aug.

As a result of the agreement, the National Labor Relations Board withdrew the unfair labor practice complaint it filed Dec. 14. The owners' trial on the more extensive complaint of attempting to eliminate free agent bidding and salary arbitration was pushed back from Monday to June 19.

. "Both sides are now moving in a more positive direction." the acting commissioner, Bud Selig, said in a statement.

"Bud and I are going to talk the first of week," said Donald Fehr, the head of the players' union, "You have to resolve things piece by piece after a fice. After Blauser grounded dispute like this. I feel pretty out to third, Jones hit a two-run good about it. We ought to, single to center. hopefully, use this as a stepping

ter Bobby Higginson, Detroit's third pinch-hitter, Lou Whitaker, drove in Samuel with a double and Chad Curtis followed with a sacrifice fly that third consecutive game Sunday drove in the tie-breaking run.

In games played Saturday: Indians 7, Red Sox 5: Albert Belle and Jim Thome homered as the Indians scored four runs in the eighth inning to beat Bos-

Tigers 10, Blue Jays 6: Kirk Gibson and Chris Gomez each hit two-run singles to highlight a seven-run seventh inning as Detroit defeated Toronto.

Yankees 7, Orioles 2: In New York, Mike Stanley and Danny Tartabull each doubled in two runs in a five-run third and New York defeated Baltimore. Angels 7. White Sox 5:

With Baerga on second, Al-bert Belle hit a sinking line singled home the go-ahead run off Rob Dibble, who was promoted from the minors on Monday, with two outs in the 10th inning, and visiting California beat Chicago.

Rangers 7, Brewers 6: In Arlington, Texas, Mickey Tettleton's two-out single in the 11th inning scored Otis Nixon from second base, lifting Texas over Milwankee.

Athletics 11, Royals 1: Todd Stottlemyre retired 22 consecutive batters and tied a career high with 10 strikeouts, leading Oakland over Kansas City, playing at home.

Mariners 10, Twins 6: The Minnesota rookie Marty Cor-Jeff Manto doubled twice and dova homered in his fifth

Michael Mimbs, a rookie,

Mimbs, who lasted only 2% innings and walked five in his previous start, allowed six hits while striking out a career-high seven and walking none. Heathcliff Slocumb pitched the ninth

Bobby Jones, who came into the game with a league-low 1.82 ERA, gave up four runs in the

first inning.

Lenny Dykstra led off with a single, stole second, went to third on Kelly Stinnett's throwing error and scored on Mickey Morandini's single. Greg Jef-fries singled Morandini to sec-ond, Darren Daulton doubled in a run and Hayes followed

with a two-run single. The Mets made it 4-2 in the fifth when Chris Jones singled and scored on Stinnett's second

error that allowed Daulton to score from second.

Braves 5. Marlins 1: John Smoltz and Mark Wohlers combined on a two-hitter, and David Justice and Chipper Jones each drove in two runs as Atlanta,

straight.

Browne's single.

Smoltz walked two and fanned seven before being lifted for a pinch-hitter in the eighth. He retired the first 13 batters in order before walking Greg Colbrunn with one out in the lifth.

Wohlers pitched the ninth. The Braves added an insurance run in the eighth when Javier Lopez hit his fifth homer

Atlanta chased Burkett with two more runs in the fourth. Mark Lemke doubled and Smoltz walked, with both runners advancing on Kelly's sacrifice. After Blauser grounded



ken drew Hitchcock's only walk homers and drove in five runs in In a frustrating game for Charles Barkley, left, Hakeem Olajuwon was just one problem.

Randy Velarde's first homer of the season sparked a three-run fifth against Ren McDon-

The Philadelphia Phillies improved their record — the best the major leagues — to 17-6 by defeating the visiting New York Mets, 5-3, Sunday.

pitched six strong innings and Charlie Hayes had two RBIs to lift the Phillies.

for his 11th save.

home run of the season. In the sixth, Bobby Bonilla's sacrifice fly narrowed the defi-cit to 4-3, but the Phillies scored again in the eighth when Jones, the right fielder, let a slicing liner bounce off his glove for an

The Phillies have won seven of nine and 14 of their last 17

playing at home, completed a three-game sweep of Florida.

It was the fourth consecutive victory for the Braves, who have beaten the Marlins eight in a row. Florida lost for the 12th time in 14 games, including five

Smoltz lost his bid for a nohitter with one out in the sixth inning when Quilvio Veras doubled to the alley in left-center and then scored on Jerry

The Braves jumped on an unusually wild John Burkett for two runs in the first. Atlanta loaded the bases on a single by Mike Kelly and walks to Jeff Blauser and Jones. After Fred McGriff lined out to second, Justice hit a two-run double into the right-field corner.

In games played Saturday: Phillies 10, Mets 8: Kevin

Stocker drove in a career-high drove in three runs for San Diefour runs and Mickey Morandini hit a three-run homer as

NL ROUNDUP

Philadelphia held off New York. The Phillies, playing at home, won for the 13th time in

Padres 9, Pirates 6: Bip Roberts hit a grand slam with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning, rallying San Diego past visiting Pittsburgh. The Padres collected five runs in the ninth. Tony Gwynn also homered and

Cubs 7, Dodgers 1: In Los Angeles, Mark Grace homered and drove in three runs as Jim out in the 10th inning, giving Bullinger and Chicago sent Los Angeles to its fifth straight loss.

Reds 10, Rockies 9: Ron Gant, who drove in five runs, hit a game-winning single with two outs in the 10th inning, as host Cincinnati outlasted Colorado.

Braves 8, Marlins 7: Chipper Jones, a rookie, hit a one-out homer in the ninth inning, giving Atlanta a victory at home over Florida.

gadan, a pinch-bitter, drew a bases-loaded walk from Montreal reliever Jeff Shaw with one

Houston a victory over the visiting Expos. Giants 10, Cardinals 7: Royce Clayton broke out of a 1-for-16

slump with a three-run double in the eighth, giving San Francisco, with seven unearned runs, a wild victory over St. Louis. Clayton, who came to the plate batting .190, cleared the bases with a shot to the gap in left-center off Rene Arocha.

And for Barkley, That's It Drexler and Sam Cassell, have and Coach Rudy Tomjanovich needed I.V. treatment just to not once asked Olajuwon to

By Tom Friend New York Times Service

PHOENIX - The Houston Rockets are on their ninth life, and Charles Bankley is about to

A long 3-point shot from their most obscure guard put the Rockets in the victory lane Saturday, with a 115-114 victory, and it also may have nudged one of basketball's most irascible players out the door.

His left knee creaks, his outside shot is flat, and his Phoenix Suns revolve around somebody else, so Barkley announced later that his retirement is imminent. He has said all of this before annually, in fact — but this time he went so far as to call a postgame meeting to tell his teammates they can have his locker.

"I'm not saying this is 100 percent done, but I'll say more than likely I have played my last game," said Barkley, 32. "It's just, it's time. It's time. I can't see my skills getting better, I can

only see them getting worse." For this game, the point guard Kevin Johnson borrowed the Suns from Barkley, scored 46 points, but watched in horror as the Rockets pulled off another great escape to win in the seventh and final game of this

Western Conference semifinal. Mario Elie stole the series by draining a 3-point corner shot with 7.1 seconds remaining.

"I told him he's a wicked man," the Houston center, Hakeem Olajuwon, said of Elie.

It turned a 110-110 tie into a 113-110 lead for the Rockets, and, after a Ping-Pong game of free throws, Danny Ainge's half-court heave at the buzzer - to win it for Phoenix found only backboard.

So, the Rockets, the defending National Basketball Association champions, once again rose from their deathbed. They have now turned the Western Conference finals into the Texas state championship. Starting Monday, it is the Rockets versus the San Antonio Spurs and may the best center win.

Olajuwon was that center on Saturday, scoring 16 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter, after serving as an assistant coach in the third.

Not many clubs are as resilient as Houston. Two different

play, and two others — the budge. sharpshooter Vernon Maxwell, power forward Carl Herrera. who has a shoulder surgery

Rockets Eliminate Suns,

were watching back home. We could've given up a lot of times," the Rockets' guard Kenny Smith said. "We Kenny Smith said. could've given up today."

Instead, they defeated a team that had led this series, 3-1, and a player - A. C. Green - who had guaranteed victory after

"Well. I have no words today," Green said. "It didn't

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happen. I've never experienced it before, so now I have something to describe in my next

Speaking of books, the Rockets will be inscribed in the league's history journal.

They became only the fifth team to overcome a 3-to-1 game deficit and the first since the 1982 Sixers, who won in Boston, to win a seventh game on

"Best team won," said Johnson, the Phoenix point guard. "We didn't deserve it. What's the excuse now? There is none, not when a team beats you three in a row, including twice at

Phoenix's halftime lead was 51-41, but Barkley had left the second quarter prematurely with a sore knee and reportedly took two shots of painkiller.

He had started swiftly, with 8 points and 7 rebounds in the first quarter, but, in the second half, the most peculiar discussion occurred: Coach Paul Westphal told Ainge to tell Barkley that Johnson would be clearing out and going one-toone against Smith on every pos-

Barkley rolled his eyes, but middle age was obviously setting in.

The third quarter was actually sailing along nicely — the Suns were leading, 68-59, with Olajuwon on the bench with 5 minutes, 25 seconds remaining when Drexler, who finished with 29 points - awoke.

A 22-11 surge by Houston the remainder of the quarter re-

"It gave me hope for the on a leave of absence, and the fourth quarter," Olajuwon said. "They'd taken us this far, and hopefully I could finish it."

Which Olajuwon did, scoring on fade-aways and layups until the Suns had no choice but to triple-team him in the final two minutes.

With 45 seconds left, Smith made two free throws to elevate Houston to a 110-109 lead, but Phoenix's Johnson was kneed and fouled after rebounding a Dan Majerle miss. He made the first foul shot with 21.6 seconds left, his 21st in a row, but

missed the second. Houston called time out with 20.4 seconds left, and, Phoenix

was trapped at midcourt. That left it to Elie wide open in the corner. Danny Schayes was the closest defender, guarding Olajuwon: "It was either give up the jumper or let Ha-keem have a dunk," Schayes said, and so he let Elie airmail

"I've hit bigger shots," Elie said, but added: "Nah, just kid-

ding."
Barkley limped off, having scored 18 and grabbed 23 rebounds, and he spit on the floor one last time. He could run for governor of Alabama - "But people tell me I have too many skeletons in my closet" --- or more likely will be lured into a broadcast booth.

"Let me tell you all this, and I mean this sincerely," he said. "I have been talking to all my family and friends all season about retiring. Last season, my heart wasn't in it. I didn't want to retire last year. All it took was some people prodding me to talk me into it. This year is a

totally different scenario. "I think the league is up and coming. I mean, really up and coming. These young boys are really, really tough. And I don't know if I really want to play against really 25-, 26-, 27-yearolds every night. I don't want to, and don't need to do that anymore."

He said he expected to make a final decision after visiting with the team's owner. Jerry Colangelo, who didn't think he could talk Barkley out of it. But that meeting would not occur on Saturday night.

"Because I'm drinking to-

Ewing Keeps His Word: Knicks Get Game 7 With Pacers

Ewing said there would be a Game 7 on Sunday, and he made sure there was one. In his best game of the series with Indiana, Ewing had 25 points and 15 rebounds Friday night in the New York Knicks'

for a deciding game in the Eastern Conference semifinals. Ewing, who won Game 5 for the Knicks with a shot with 1.8 seconds to play, had a key basket and rebound in the final two minutes to hold off a furious comeback by the Pacers.

"I'm a great player," he said, "and I want to prove that." On Sunday, he has the chance. The winner will ad-Thursday night to win that se-

vance to play the Orlando Magic, which eliminated Chicago on Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals will be played

Tuesday in Orlando.

The Associated Press day," foretelling a repeat of last our own. We weathered the "Tve got to take 20-plus shots According to spectators seat- the Chicago Bulls, was pro-INDIANAPOLIS — Patrick yes a Eastern Conference fin-wing said there would be a ais, when the Knicks won Game With the help of Miller. After settle for 13."

According to spectators seat- the Chicago Bulls, was pro-for this team to win. I can't ed near the Knicks bench, Manounced ready to play after son criticized Smith's execution doctors examined the injured 6 in Indiana to send the series

back to New York. Game 7 last year in the conference finals, had lost what was

92-82 victory, forcing the Pacers once a 3-1 series lead, back to Madison Square Garden "We put ourselves in "We put ourselves in this position," said Indiana's coach, Larry Brown, whose team shot 35 percent. "We can't play like this and get it done Sunday." After a 13-point third quarter

that left them down by 13, the Pacers came roaring back to cut New York's lead to three on two free throws by Reggie Miller with 5:32 left. But they couldn't get any closer.

Miller didn't get his first field goal until the fourth quarter, when his 3-pointer with 9:46 to play trimmed the lead to 72-63. "We had Reggie in control," said the Knicks coach, Pat Ril-

ey. "You knew that somehow

the Pacers got within three, he committed two turnovers. Rik Now they had come back Smits was called for an offen-again, and the Pacers, who lost sive foul, and New York and had just two points. pumped the lead back up to eight on Ewing's hook shot with 1:50 left.

Ewing got a big rebound af-ter Derrick McKey missed an open jumper. Byron Scott missed a long jumper, and the Pacers ran out of time. Ewing had 15 first-half points and made nine of 13 shots from

and stronger than he had earlier in the series, when a calf injury hampered his mobility. Miller finished with 18 points and Smits had 21, but once again, the Indiana center wasn't a factor late in the game, scoring just four points in the final

the field. He looked healthier

tor early in the contest. "Rik had it going in the first quarter and beginning of the mates, clashed during a third quarter. Miller said. out in the second quarter.

period. And Miller wasn't a fac-

Chased around the court by John Starks, Miller missed all four of his shots in the first half

Miller didn't start the third quarter any better, missing his first two shots. His teammates were just as cold, and the Knicks put together a 14-2 run, building a 63-53 lead with 5:19 left in the period.

Indiana's 3-of-16 shooting in the quarter silenced the home crowd. But only until the Pacers came back in the fourth quar-

With the loss, the Pacers found themselves in the same position as last year, when they had a 3-2 lead over New York in the Eastern Conference final with a chance to close out the series at home. And lost, 98-91. But, there were some cracks showing on the winners' side, too. Anthony Mason and Charles Smith, New York team-

mates, clashed during a time-

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angry Mason did not join the An assistant coach, Jeff Van Gundy, went to talk to him, but Mason spent the next two minutes seafed at the end of the bench before Riley reinserted

reported.

him into the lineup. Smith and the rest of the team played down the incident, saying they were edgy through-out the game, and did not hesitate to criticize each other when

something didn't go right. "We were pretty much on each other all game long," Smith said. "We were definitely

pushing each other, being very intense • The Orlando Magic received some encouraging news

before beginning preparation for the NBA's Eastern Conference final, The Associated Press

Forward Horace Grant, in-

ond-round playoff victory over released, the police said.

doctors examined the injured of a defensive play. A visibly ring finger on his left hand. Grant strained a ligament during the third quarter of

Thursday night's series-clincher in Chicago when he dived to the floor for a loose ball and someone stepped on his hand. • Scottie Pippen, the Chicago Bulls' All-Star forward, was charged with battery after his

fiancée accused him of grabbing her and pushing her at his home, police said Saturday. A domestic disturbance was reported at Pippen's home at 8:15 p.m. Friday, one night after the Bulls were eliminated from the NBA playoffs by the

Orlando Magic. Pippen's fiancée, Yvette Deleone, said he had grabbed her by an arm and pushed her against a vehicle, the police

said. Pippen was charged with simple battery, a misdemeanor. strumental in the team's sec- He posted a \$100 bond and was

Timber Country Triumphs, Thunder Gulch Runs Third

Before the game, Ewing had they were going to make a run. told reporters, "See you Sun- We held on and made a run of

Los Angeles Times Service BALTIMORE - Timber Country, the colt who had exhansted all of his trainer's excuses, won the 120th running of the Preakness on Saturday, sending Wayne Lukas to the top

of several pages in the Triple Crown record book.

Aggressively ridden by Pat Day, who was criticized by
Lukas and others for his laid-back ride to third place in the Kentucky Derby, Timber Country blew past his stablemate, the Derby winner Thunder Gulch, in mid-stretch and then held off longshot Oliver's Twist for a half-length victory. Oliver's Twist, vanned to Pimlico from his trainer Billy Boniface's Maryland farm several hours before the race, was a

25-1 shot who finished a neck in front of Thunder Gulch. By winning the Derby with Thunder Gulch and the Preakness with Timber Country, Lukas became the fourth trainer, and the first since Humming Bob Smith in 1934, to win the first two legs of the Triple Crown in the same year with different horses. Lukas indicated that Timber Country and Thunder Gulch will both run in the Belmont on June 10, when he could become the first trainer to sweep the Triple Crown with different horses.

On a fast track, Timber Country ran 1 3/16 miles in 1:54

Thunder Gulch finished four lengths ahead of Star Stan-

dard, the fourth-place finisher, who was followed across the wire by Mecke, Talkin Man, Our Gatsby, Mystery Storm,

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A Sect's Attraction/In Blind Obedience is Freedom

Young, Gifted and Lost Scientists Who Answered the Call of Aum

By Sheryl WuDunn
New York Times Service

OKYO — Koichi Ishikawa was a brilliant, dedicated student at a top high school, passed Japan's toughest entrance exam to study medicine at Tokyo University and was destined for a

promising career. Then he joined Aum Shinrikyo, the religious sect suspected of staging the poison gas attack in the subway system that killed a dozen people and injured 5,500. Now Mr. Ishikawa, 26, is sitting in a jail cell, a suspect in various crimes committed by Aum.

In cells nearby are his Aum comrades, also graduates of Japan's equivalents of Harvard, Princeton and Yale, trained scientists who proved that they had what it takes to get

As Japan struggles to assess what went wrong with these serious, smart young people, many scholars and commentators are pointing their fingers in an unusual direction: the schools. Japan may have one of the world's most admired educational systems, but the critics say it teaches young people to memorize instead of to think.

Young people spend so much time hunched over desks, the critics say, that they fail to develop sufficient social skills. Many of them - and they seem to be more common in Japan — resemble the stereotype of the computer nerd: brilliant, driven but utterly lost

when in human company.
"It reflects a profound crisis in the educational system," said Alfons Deeken, a long-time professor of philosophy at Sophia Uni-

versity in Tokyo.
"Many Japanese students are absorbing ever greater amounts of information, but they don't acquire the ability to make value judgments on basic human values, like responsibility for human life or respect for freedom of

Typically, Japanese students attend school for about 240 days a year, one-third longer than American students. In addition, many go to cram schools or after-school lessons almost as soon as they learn to read, and they test their way into classes from kindergarten

They are taking calculus when American students are struggling through geometry. and English about the same time that many Americans are learning their rules of grammar. But while many Japanese have studied English for nearly a decade by the time they reach college, very few can speak it.

ERHAPS that is indicative of the system: Students are able to absorb rules and vocabulary but often cannot use what they have learned in the

"These guys in the science division have no time to relax," said Yoichi Masuzoe, a former politics professor at Tokyo University who taught some of the Aum members but hardly remembers them. "They should have read more literature, like Shakespeare. Then they They lack an understanding of human na-

Takeshi Sasaki, a professor of political science at Tokyo University, was more pointed. "In this society, there isn't any organization which can train young talented people into mature personalities," he said. "The deficiency in social relations in Japan is a serious issue. Social relations are more or less being

destroyed by the examination-centered life.' Scholars, of course, do not blame Japan's educational system entirely for Aum's terrorism, and by many standards the system is a model one. Many Americans would love to have Japanese-style schools, which do an admirable job in teaching reading, writing and trigonometry. Japanese students often have some of the highest average test scores in international comparisons.

There is also no doubt that Aum's techniques in recruitment and mind control play a

more direct role in roping in its members. But the complaint is that in turning out naïve, vulnerable students, Japan's schools leave them as open prey for a charismatic leader like Aum's guru, Shoko Asahara, 40, a

College students are often searching for explanations to life that cannot be found in their textbooks. And Mr. Asahara, with his flowing pink robes, open arms and assertions that Aum is the key to enlightenment, may appear as a fatherly savior to them.

UMIHIRO Joyu, 32, the sect's spokesman and a graduate of Wa-seda University, said to an inter-viewer recently that he joined the sect because it gave him a purpose in life.
"I wanted my life to be meaningful," he said. "I did not want my life to be meaning-

Mr. Asahara, who was arrested Tuesday in his hideout, insisted on complete obedience from his disciples. But once they proved their loyalty, they were apparently given substantial freedoms, important jobs in the organization and prestigious titles.

At least 11 of Mr. Asahara's top disciples - effectively his cabinet members - were educated in science and engineering at top universities, where experimental laboratory budgets are tiny and competition is fierce.

Some say that Aum basically bought out these scientists. They were given enormous sums of money to pursue research projects, so long as the research advanced Aum's inter-

"It is a big jump to believe in the guru," said Akira Asada, an economics professor at Kyoto University. "But once they make the jump, they are simply given freedom and financial support to pursue maniacal pro-

Of course, the motivations for joining the cult are easier to understand than those for committing mass murder. But the very strong sense of identity with Mr. Asahara, and of loyalty to the sect rather than to society, may have helped cultivate a blind obedience.

"I kept hesitating because I realized many people would die," Ikuo Hayashi told the police in a jail-house confession, according to the newspaper Asahi.

Mr. Hayashi, a cardiac surgeon and Aum official, is said to have confessed to taking part in the subway attack.
"Again and again, I tried to stop what I was

about to do, but I was unable to disobey the sect's orders," the newspaper quoted Mr. Hayashi as saying. Another example is Hideo Murai, who

graduated from Osaka University. Specializing in aerospace physics, Mr. Murai pursued research in aerospace technology for Kobe Steel before he became an Aum member. He soon won the trust of Mr. Asahara and

became the head of the sect's "science and is believed to have been given an important challenge: to help organize the sarin gas attack on the Tokyo subway on March 20.

UT Mr. Murai may have done or known too much. He once revealed that Aum had assets worth 100 billion yen, or nearly \$1.2 billion. In April he was stabbed to death by a member of

an underworld gang.

Mr. Murai's disclosure remains one of the mysteries of Aum. While Aum demanded that its 10,000 Japanese members donate all their possessions to the sect when they joined, it is still unclear how or why Aum accumulated such a large amount of money.



Mr. Joyu joined Aum Shinrikyo because "I wanted my life to be meaningful."

It has led some scholars to suspect that Mr. Asahara was intent on building some sort of empire. The guru's motives are unclear, but some say he had both material and political ambitions and had set up a hierarchical structure to support those goals.

"It was similar to the Nazi party and the Stalinist system in that the same kind of mass hypnotism exists," said Hiroyoshi Ishikawa, a professor of social psychology at Seijo University. "The young people in the group have many frustrations and are discontent with

"In this situation, the group can easily become a big psychological apparatus, a psy-chological machine that substitutes their frustration with revolution."

Partly blind, Mr. Asahara showed a desire to be a leader while attending a school for the blind. His eyesight was apparently stronger than that of the other children and he would with them: them all to a restaurant if they paid for his

As a young man, Mr. Asahara appears to have been unusually ambitious - or, as people now say, obsessed with power. He told a number of acquaintances, for example, that he wanted to be prime minister.

In 1990 Mr. Asahara ran for Parliament and lost. Giving up on the electoral system, he sought power in other ways. His organization was growing into a mini-nation, a state within a state with cabinet members and various ministries from health and welfare to finance and self-defense.

Moreover, he had begun to amass a giant

stockpile of tons of chemicals, some of which were suspected of being used to make sarin gas. Meanwhile, he was telling his followers about an imminent World War III, an Armageddon that would strike the world but permit Aum to survive.

"Asahara is a total materialist," said Yoshiya Abe, a religion professor at Kokugakuin University. "He's interested in assuming assets and acquiring control. Power and mon-OME scholars say Mr. Asahara staged

the gas attack on the subway as a way of waging war on the Japanese gov-ernment. But it is still far from clear exactly how the sarin gas attack fit into his overall grand designs. One theory is that having predicted Arma-

geddon, he wanted to make it come true. Another is simply that he was obsessed by power, including the power to use toxic chem-

A third theory has to do with reports that Mr. Asahara is in poor health, that he is dying of one ailment or another. So, newly reminded of his own mortality, he wanted to lead people not only in life but into death as well. The one person who could shed the most

light on this is Shoko Asahara himself, but he is not saying much. He sits in his jail cell, exchanging small talk with the police but insisting on his innocence and refusing to enter substantive interrogation.

"How could a blind man like me commit such a crime?" he is said to have told the police soon after his arrest. "But I don't think you will believe what I'm saying."

Lagos Drug Czar' 'Trips Up in U.S.

Envoy Fails to Be Convincing On Nigeria Dope Crackdown

By Thomas W. Lippman Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The United States has worse relations with Nigeria than with any other large regional power except Iran and there was little sign of improvement after the visit here last week of Adamu A. Mohammed, the career dip-lomat who recently became Nigeria's "drug czar."

Mr. Mohammed's mission

was to convince U.S. officials that the military government headed by General Sani Abacha is serious about ending what some consider to be Nigeria's role as a heroin trafficking

forcefully, but he got, at best, a cool reception, according to U.S. officials. By some accounts, he was laughed out of

"We know their pitch. Our question is, what have you done?" a State Department official said after Mr. Mohammed met with Assistant Secretary of State Robert S. Gelbard, head of the department's so-called "drugs and thugs" unit. "They

haven't shown us anything yet." At the Drug Enforcement Administration, officials who were asked about the results of meetings with Mr. Mohammed said the situation in Nigeria is as it was in late March, when Robert J. Nieves, chief of inter-Drug Enforcement Agency, told Congress that "Nigerian traffickers are pivotal to the worldwide trafficking" of heroin and cocaine and are "a major force in the U.S. drug

On Capitol Hill, where Mr. Mohammed was turned away by influential members of Congress, a longtime follower of Nigerian affairs said the Nigerians they're going to do."
They ask for technical assis-

dog. It was not a career-enhancing move for someone to have the report said. those dogs go off when a cabi-

ington regards as an increasing-ly dictatorial and corrupt

It has jailed opposition lead-ers, muzzled Nigeria's press and tolerated what the State Department calls "rampant corruption in every law enforcement body."

Nigerian officials are prohibited from visiting the United

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States unless they receive waivers, which Mr. Mohammed did. Aid is also barred because Nigeria is listed as noncooperative on drug issues, but the U.S. Agency for International Development is planning to seek a He is an engaging, persuasive waiver to provide \$11.25 midiplomat who argues his case lion in fiscal 1996 to slow the economic and political deterioration and prevent a catastrophe that would affect the sup-ply of oil to the United States and Nigerian peacekeeping ef-

Nigeria is a major U.S. oil supplier and contributor to international peacekeeping

Mr. Mohammed said in an interview that he was pained and surprised by the extent of the skepticism he found here about Nigeria's sincerity in

fighting drugs.

He said the government has created "a very powerful task force of cabinet ministers to address drug matters and finan-cial crimes" and he has a budget national operations for the of \$100 million this year to fight drug traffic.

According to the State Department's annual report on worldwide narcotics traffic, published in April, Nigeria has made some modest efforts to interdict heroin and cocaine shipments and did arrest and deliver three drug dealers

sought by U.S. authorities.
But Nigeria's campaign focused on low-level drug counkeep talking about what ers rather than major networks, and the government made no arrests for money-laundering, tance. Well we sent some dogs investigated no senior officials over there, and you can't bribe a and failed to protect judges from retaliation in drug cases;

Mr. Mohammed said Mr. net minister's wife walked by." Nieves's testimony and the The government has a long State Department's report relist of gnievances with the Aba- flect conditions in the past and cha government, which Wash- are no longer accurate,

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TRAVEL UPDATE

Manila Faces Ban on U.S. Flights

MANILA (AP) — The U.S. government is threatening to cancel all U.S.-bound flights from Manila unless the authorities improve security at the capital's Ninoy Aquino International

Airport, Philippine officials and reports said Monday.

The Business Daily Newspaper said the warning was issued this month by the Federal Aviation Administration, which gave Philippine authorities three months to make the required improvements. In a statement, the Philippine Department of Transportation and Communications deplored the release of the "confidential" report and expressed confidence that the airport could meet the 90-day deadline.

The department said the country's second major international, airport, in Cebu, 350 miles (560 kilometers) southeast of Manila. had received passing marks from the aviation administration. U.S. Embassy officials declined to comment on the report.

Vietnam will begin work this year on a \$50 million terminal for Hanoi's Noi Bai International Airport, an official report said, Monday. Aviation authorities say the terminal could handle 2.5 million airline passengers a year after the first phase was completed in 1997, the state-run Vietnam News reported. (AP)

Railroad safety in Bulgaria is being threatened by widespread theft of copper cables for scrap metal, the state network said

Cheaper long-distance calls from Beirut can now be made via Tel Aviv, an Israeli company announced Monday. The company, Euronet, said it charged 20 percent less for calls than the Israeli public telephone company, Bezek.



Les Aspin Dies, Was Lawmaker and Defense Chief

pin, 56, a Democratic representative from Wisconsin for 22 first year. By the end of the was elected to the House from a years and secretary of defense for the first 11 months of the White House as indecisive and sin on a platform that stressed Clinton administration, died Sunday night. He had suffered a stroke Saturday.

Mr. Aspin was elected to December 1993.

Congress in 1970 in large part

He had been because of his opposition to the war in Vietnam, and in his early

New York Times Service
the toughest international and Gense Secretary Robert S. Mc-WASHINGTON — Les Asin, 56, a Democratic representive from Wisconsin for 22 first year. By the end of the was elected to the House from a dent of the military. By 1985, he reliable campaign. His selection Mr. Aspin became less of a gadas secretary of defense in Defly and more of a serious student of the military. By 1985, he praised, although some military

He had been working this year as the chairman of a presidential commission charged years in Congress he was an with reviewing the operations outspoken critic of the Penta- of the nation's intelligence ser- lawmakers and the Pentagon. vices, particularly the CIA.

But his views shifted after he Leslie Aspin Jr. was born on news releases exposing what he became chairman of the House July 21, 1938, in Milwaukee. He believed to be wasteful Penta-Armed Services Committee in earned an undergraduate de-1985. He endorsed much of the gree from Yale University, a wide range of practices, includmilitary buildup under Presimaster's degree from Oxford ing poison gas experiments, exdent Ronald Reagan and was a University and a doctorate in pensive uniforms for officers.

a disappointment. He would his opposition to the Vietnam probably have been forced from War and his advocacy of envioffice had he not resigned in ronmental regulations. In Congress, Mr. Aspin was

appointed to the Armed Services Committee and immediately began to attack the close Week after week, he issued

strong supporter of the Gulf economics from the Massachuwar against Iraq under President George Bush.

In the 1960s, he performed cost overruns in shipbuilding and the care of officers' pets at government expense. He was As secretary of defense, Mr. his military service as an econo- also at the forefront of various Aspin was involved in some of mist at the Pentagon under Deanti-war efforts in Congress.

was recognized as a leading congressional authority on Pen-

tagon policy.

By this time, his politics had changed, to the dismay of the the party's dovish image.

On one of the most divisive policy matters of the time, he supported the development of the multiple-warhead MX missile, which many liberals thought was too expensive and disruptive of the relationship between the United States and

the Soviet Union. In 1992, along with Senator

vices Committee, Mr. Aspin

was a chief adviser on military

praised, although some military experts pointed out that he had no experience managing a large organization like the Pentagon. In retrospect, his limited

management ability can be seen liberal wing of his party. He to have hurt him as defense securged fellow Democrats to shed retary. He tried to mediate the retary. He tried to mediate the prolonged fight between the White House and the military brass over whether to allow homosexuals to serve in the armed forces. He was also widely criticized for deciding not to reinforce American troops in Somalia in the weeks before 18 U.S. soldiers died in a raid.

He sought to articulate a new vision of what the structure of Sam Nunn of Georgia, chair-man of the Senate Armed Serthe military should be. But in an administration not known for its decisiveness, he often Les Aspin, an expert on de seemed unable to close a discuspolicy to Mr. Clinton's presision and reach a decision.



fense policy, ran into difficulties at the Pentagon.

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